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1. In accordance with paragraph 10, AR 345-105, as amended by change 4, 10 August 1944, the attached report of operations of Task Force LINDEN (222d, 232d, 242d Infantry Regiments and Headquarters Detachment, all of the 42d Infantry Division) for the period 13 November 1944 through 31 January 1945 is hereby submitted.

2. Inasmuch as Task Force LINDEN contained limited staff personnel and operated under the command and staff control of the headquarters to which it was attached, separate staff journals were not maintained and the annexed G-3 journal represents the unit journal of Task Force LINDEN for the above noted period of operations.

For the Commanding General:

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OPERATIONS OF TASK FORCE LINDEN
13 November 1944 - 31 January 1945

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This report covers the operations of Task Force Linden during the period from 13 November 1944 to 31 January 1945. For the purposes of this report the activities during this period are divided into seven phases as follows:

- I. Period 13 November 1944 to 1 January 1945.
- II. Movement from the STRASBOURG Area, 2-5 January 1945.
- III. GAMESHEIM-DRUSENHEIM Bridgehead, 5-8 January 1945.
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I. OUR OPERATIONS 13 November 1944 - 1 January 1945

On 13 November 1944, the VQ Shipment of the 42d Infantry Division, composed of three infantry regiments and a VQ Headquarters of seventeen officers, one civilian, and thirty-three enlisted men, commanded by Brigadier General Henning Linden, left Camp Gruber, Oklahoma by rail for Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. After the completion of the processing at this station, this VQ shipment embarked on the 25th of November for MARSEILLES, arriving on 8 December. After debarking on the 9th, the units moved by marching and motor to the MARSEILLES Staging Area, Command Post Number 2, and commenced to unload supplies and equipment from the ships and draw equipment from the Delta Base Section at MARSEILLES. Although it was originally destined for the Seventh Army, the orders for the advanced element of the 42d Division were changed on the 15th of December and the unit was assigned to the Third Army. General Linden, his aide, Lt Cowling, Lt Col Coleman and Capt Thomas left immediately for Third Army Headquarters at NANCY to make arrangements for the movement of the unit and its employment in the Third Army. Initially the unit was assigned to Third Army, then to XII Corps. However, on the 20th of December it was transferred back to Seventh Army and assigned there as TASK FORCE LINDEN, initially for a few hours under XV Corps and then as Army reserve. Seventh Army ordered, on 21 December 1944, Task Force Linden to take over the RHINE RIVER sector in the zone of the 36th Division from HERRLISHEIM to PLOESHEIM.

In the meantime, the infantry regiments were moving north from MARSEILLES into the Third Army area by rail and motor. The detraining point was BENESTROFF, while the motor column release point from Army was CHATEAU SALINS. The 242d Infantry closed in the BENESTROFF area 212300A Dec 44 and moved by motor from BENESTROFF to the STRASBOURG area, closing there 221930A Dec 44. On the morning of the 23d, the regiment moved into position along the west bank of the RHINE RIVER, then occupied by the 141st Infantry, for orientation prior to assuming responsibility for the sector and assumed responsibility for this sector 242359A December 44.

232d Infantry closed in the BENESTROFF area by rail and motor 222330A Dec 44. On the 23d it moved to the STRASBOURG area by motor closing at 231930A Dec 44. It moved into the sector of the 143d Infantry and completed its occupation at 242359A Dec 44.

The 222d Infantry, in turn, closed in the BENESTROFF area about midnight on the 23d of December. Transportation furnished by Army to move the regiment to STRASBOURG was delayed in arriving and about half of the regiment did not close into the STRASBOURG area until the afternoon of the 25th. On that day the Third Battalion relieved the Third Battalion 143d Infantry on the island at STRASBOURG, the remainder of the regiment constituting task force reserve.

Task Force Linden was attached to VI Corps as of 271800A December 1944. From the 26th to the 30th the regiments on line continued the improvement of their defensive positions and initiated active patrolling to locate and destroy enemy patrols on the west bank of the RHINE RIVER. During this period sporadic small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and mortars were fired on assault boat assembly areas and ponton bridge site by the Third Battalion 222d Infantry on 27 December. On the 27th of December the Third Battalion 242d Infantry was relieved by the Second Battalion 232d Infantry and the former moved to a position east of ESCHAU. The First and Third Battalions on the northern part of the task force sector were relieved by Task Force Herren early 28 December. However, as the 242d Infantry was moving into new positions, Task Force Herren received orders to move to the north and Task Force Linden was directed to take over again the sector it had just vacated. Movement to effect the relief of Task Force Herren by the 232d Infantry in the assigned sector began about 291400A December 1944 and was completed 300800A December 1944. Elements of the 222d and 242d Infantry Regiments, moving to new positions as the 232d Infantry, after its relief by Task Force Herren was extending its right (south) flank and taking over more area to the south, were forced to return to their original position.

Orders were received on 30 December by Task Force Linden from VI Corps to initiate reconnaissance and prepare plans to block to the south along the task force right boundary along the line FLOESHEIM-BOERSCH on six (6) hours notice with one regiment. 242d Infantry was given this mission and directed to move to a position from which this plan could be accomplished. Elements of the 222d Infantry relieved the 242d Infantry in line along the RHINE RIVER to the south of STRASBOURG while the 232d Infantry right (south) flank was also extended, relieving the 222d Infantry of a portion of its responsibility. The Second Battalion 232d Infantry was located at HOERDT and was constituted as task force reserve. Lt Col Ellis, its commander, was directed to prepare counterattack plans in conjunction with the 753d Tank Battalion. This readjustment of the lines was completed on 1 January 1945.

II. MOVEMENT FROM THE STRASBOURG AREA

On the 2d of January 1945 the line held by Task Force Linden extended some nineteen miles along the RHINE RIVER from PLOBSHEIM to OFFENDORF, both exclusive, with five battalions on line; from south to north, Second Battalion 222d Infantry, First Battalion 222d Infantry, Third Battalion 222d Infantry, Third Battalion 232d Infantry, First Battalion 232d Infantry. The Second Battalion 232d Infantry was at HOERDT. The 242d Infantry was in task force reserve in the vicinity of HOLTZHEIM and HANGENBEITEN, prepared to occupy position along line PLOBSHEIM-BONRSCH on Corps order to block to the south and prevent a possible pincer movement from the south to tie in with an enemy attack from BITCHE. Attached to Task Force Linden were 781st Tank Battalion (-), to which was attached Company A 781st Tank Battalion, Reconnaissance Company (-) 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Second Platoon 830th Amphibious Truck Company and Detachments of 72d Signal Company and 57th Signal Battalion. The Reconnaissance Company (-) and the Truck Company were in turn attached to 232d Infantry. The 33d Field Artillery Brigade was in support of Task Force Linden with the 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion in direct support. The 5th Antiaircraft Artillery Group provided anti-aircraft protection and also was prepared to fire ground missions.

During the 2d of January orders were received to move one regiment to occupy southern portion of VOSGES line. Our units had been directed to initiate reconnaissance of this position on 1 January. As the 242d Infantry was closest to this new position, it was directed to move to the vicinity of ROSHEIM and occupy the VOSGES position from OERNAL to MOLSHEIM, this it did, closing at 030700A January 1945. The mission of blocking to the south still remained, so the 222d Infantry was ordered into reserve and was given this mission. The 232d Infantry was ordered to assume the responsibility for the defense of the RHINE RIVER with the Second and Third Battalions on line and the First Battalion in reserve in the vicinity of SOUFFELWEYERSHEIM.

Task Force Linden was attached to the 79th Division 021100A January 1945 and ordered to take over the Task Force Herren sector on 3 January, so the First Battalion 232d Infantry was moved to BISCHWILLER relieving elements of the 274th Infantry and occupying towns of SOUFFELWEYERSHEIM, STATTMATTEN and DRUSENHEIM with its left at KONIGSERUCK. The First Battalion 222d Infantry moved by motor to HOERDT and was attached to 232d Infantry was reserve for 232d Infantry. The 242d Infantry was alerted for movement by motor on two hours notice with 79th Division transportation. All attachments but Company A 781st Tank Battalion and Second Platoon 830th Amphibious Truck Company were released from task force control. The Second Battalion 232d Infantry was attached to 222d Infantry and a boundary between the two regiments was re-established, which ran along the canal in STRASBOURG --- a frontage of some thirty-one miles. Third Battalion 222d Infantry at ENTZHEIM was to be committed on task force order.

On 031530A January 1945 242d Infantry was ordered to move to BRUMATH using twenty-four trucks supplied by 79th Division. Because of heavy military and refugee traffic from STRASBOURG, these trucks and forty added later did not reach the 242d Infantry until early 4 January. The regiment moved to BRUMATH, where these attached trucks reverted to their parent unit, and then forward into line, starting to relieve the 314th Infantry at 041830A Jan with the First and Third Battalions, First Battalion on right, their sector covering from KNOGSBRUCK to the bridge where the HATTEN-STUND-WILLER Road crosses the SELTZBACH. The Second Battalion 222d Infantry relieved Company G 232d Infantry, which was moved on line between the First and Third Battalions 232d Infantry in the towns of OFFENDORF, DRUSENHEIM and HERRLISHEIM. On 5 January the 222d Infantry less Second Battalion (less Company G) began to move at 0800 to the vicinity of SOULTZ SOUS FORETS and completed relief of 315th Infantry at 1800, Third Battalion on left, First on right, with a sector extending from the woods north of HOFFEN to just north of DRACHENBRONN. The French 3d DIA relieved 2d Bn 232d Infantry, Second Battalion 222d Infantry and Companies I and K 232d Infantry during the day.

III. GAMESHEIM-DRUSENHEIM BRIDGEHEAD

Early on 5 January 1945 Germans attacked and surrounded Companies L, G, and A, 232d Infantry in the towns of GAMESHEIM, OFFENDORF, HERRLISHEIM and DRUSENHEIM. Some eighty men from Company G fought their way out from HERRLISHEIM. General Wyche, Commanding General 79th Division, ordered General Linden to attack at once with anything he could get his hands on from WEYERSHEIM to GAMESHEIM. Colonel McNamee was placed in charge of the operation and his force was divided tentatively into Task Forces A and B, the former at WEYERSHEIM and the latter at KILSTETT. Task Force A, initially under Lt Colonel Coleman, later commanded by Lt Colonel Zoeller until captured, and finally under Lt Colonel Ellis, was comprised initially of one platoon Company A 781st Tank Battalion, Company E 232d Infantry, Company E 222d Infantry, and Companies F and G 242d Infantry. The remainder of the Second Battalion 242d Infantry joined this force late that night. Troop D 94th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized) and 79th Division Reconnaissance Troop also operated with Task Force A. Task Force B was directly under the command of Colonel McNamee. One Platoon Company L 232d Infantry, Company F 232d Infantry, Company H 232d Infantry, Second Battalion 222d Infantry (less Companies E and G), two platoons Company A 781st Tank Battalion, a unit of fifty FFI and Cannon Company 232d Infantry made up Task Force B. Company K 232d Infantry joined Task Force B on the 5th but Company I did not get up until 061600A Jan 45.

At 1545 Task Force A attacked astride road from WEYERSHEIM to capture GAMESHEIM. It was held up by automatic weapons fire at the canal but the right under Lt Colonel Ellis drove through this, crossing the canal and reached the creek west of the objective. Darkness and loss of contact necessitated a withdrawal to the west bank of the canal where the force was reorganized for an advance that night with an objective of reaching the railroad tracks west of GAMESHEIM. Task Force B formed at LA WANTZENAU moved to KILSTETT reinforcing platoon of Company L there and jumped off at 1545 to capture GAMESHEIM. Heavy observed artillery fire held this attack up just north of KILSTETT. A resumption of the attack for both Task Forces A and B was planned in the morning. First Battalion 232d Infantry was attached to 242d Infantry and Second Battalion 242d Infantry attached to 232d Infantry.

Task Force A reached the railroad at 0800 but Second Battalion 242d Infantry on north was held up by automatic weapons fire and could not advance. Lt Col Ellis on right entered the town but was driven back by a strong German counterattack of infantry supported by self-propelled guns. This force then withdrew back to the canal where they were rallied and a defensive position organized there. Task Force B also jumped off at 0800 and although Company F 222d Infantry was not able to advance, Company F 232d Infantry reached the outskirts of BETLENHOFFEN and Company K cleared out the woods southeast of GAMESHEIM. However, as these companies were out of contact and not mutually supporting, they were withdrawn on line with KILSTETT.

On 7 January, 3d French Division Infanterie Algerienne attacked GAMESHEIM at 1400 from KILSTETT with an infantry battalion supported by a battalion of tanks and reached BETLENHOFFEN but were driven from there by a counterattack to KILSTETT. The enemy also attacked Second Battalion 314th Infantry, which had recaptured DRUSENHEIM on 6 January, but were repulsed.

LIV. HATTEN

Strong German patrols probed First and Third Battalions 222d Infantry on 6 January 1945 and at 1750 the OPIR of this battalion was forced to pull back to the MLR by an attack of enemy infantry and armored vehicles. 222d Infantry and Third Battalion 313th Infantry were formed into a task force under General Wahl on 7 January. On this day, the outposts of the Third Battalion 313th Infantry were driven in as were those of the Third Battalion 222d Infantry. This battalion of the 313th Infantry received three attacks on the 8th, repulsing all of them. 222d Infantry re-established their OPIR and their Second Battalion closed into the SOULTZ area at 1600. Second Battalion 232d Infantry established a defensive position along the canal east of WEYERSHEIM and the Third Battalion, relieved by the French, assembled at CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN, while the Second Battalion 242d Infantry moved to RITTERSHOFFEN, closing at 082039A January 1945.

The artillery support during this period was provided by the 33d Field Artillery Brigade but in addition, 79th Division Artillery was providing direct support for the 222d and 242d Infantry. The organization for combat was as follows: 904th Field Artillery Battalion Direct Support 222d Infantry; 311th Field Artillery Battalion Direct Support 242d Infantry; 242d Field Artillery Battalion Direct Support First Battalion 232d Infantry; 935th Field Artillery Battalion General Support Reinforce fires 242d Field Artillery Battalion; 634th Field Artillery Battalion Reinforce fires 310th and 311th Field Artillery Battalions, 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion Direct Support 232d Infantry (-) and elements of 242d Infantry; 312th Field Artillery Battalion Reinforce fires 904th Field Artillery Battalion and 310th Field Artillery Battalion; and 36th Field Artillery Battalion in general support.

On 9 January, Second Battalion 232d Infantry was ordered to withdraw to WEYERSHEIM and organize it for defense, making its former position a strong OPIR. The battalion was attached directly to Task Force Linden to relieve Colonel McNamee from its added burden. First Platoon, Company A, 827th Tank Destroyer Battalion was attached to Task Force Linden on 10 January and in turn sent to 232d Infantry.

First Battalion 242d Infantry on 9 January was attacked at 0500 by tanks and infantry of 21st Panzer and 25th Panzer Grenadier Division and their main line of resistance was penetrated at one point. Company C counterattacked and restored the MLR at 1145 while Companies A and B remained in position although overrun. Another attack at 1905 broke through and penetrated to HATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN. A counterattack by Second Battalion 242d Infantry and Company A 48th Tank Battalion forced the enemy to withdraw from RITTERSHOFFEN to HATTEN and by midnight had retaken two-thirds of the latter town. Fighting continued in HATTEN on the 10th, both sides attacking at daylight to gain possession of the town. The enemy launched an attack from north and northeast at 1030 to cut RITTERSHOFFEN-HATTEN road. Second Battalion was ordered to withdraw to RITTERSHOFFEN to reorganize at 1500, but elements of First and Second Battalions 242d Infantry and Second Battalion 31th Infantry, which had been committed that day, remained in HATTEN. The enemy again

315 — penetrated to RITTERSHOFFEN on the 11th, being opposed by Third Battalion 31st Infantry. Second Battalion 222d Infantry (-) moved from the vicinity of SOULTZ to south of LEITERSWILLER, closing about 1130. Company E 222d Infantry was moved by motor from CAMP D'OBENHOFFEN to SOULTZ closing at 1505 and held in regimental reserve. Remaining elements of First and Second Battalions 242d Infantry were moved to NIEDERREUTSCHDORF and established a perimeter defense of the town. on 13 January the 2d Battalion 242d Infantry relieved Third Battalion 242d Infantry which was placed in reserve and patrolled and outposted the north edge of the HAGUENAU FOREST south of HATTEN. Fighting still continued in HATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN with small isolated groups of First and Second Battalions 242d Infantry still involved.

IV. SESSENHEIM

First Battalion 232d Infantry had withdrawn from the line of MAGNOT forts in order to shorten their line, so General Linden on 9 January ordered them to readjust their line to conform to these forts. The Third Battalion was committed to reinforce the wide sector of the First Battalion, so that all available rifle companies were on line. On the 14th of January one platoon of Company A supported by one platoon of Company L attacked at 1500 and captured ROESCHWOOG while a strong patrol from Company I occupied KAUF-FENHEIM at 1600. Second Battalion 232d Infantry was attached to 314th Infantry at 151720A January 1945. Company A was withdrawn from DRUSENHEIM to SCHIRRHOFEN, Second Battalion 314th Infantry taking over its sector.

On 16 January a listening post of Company B 232d Infantry in DENGOL-SHEIM was captured and the enemy estimated to be sixty or seventy in number moved toward SESSENHEIM. Elements of Company B with a platoon of tanks moved toward DENGOLSHEIM, engaged the enemy, and drove them out of the town which they captured by 1345. The attack was not pushed from DENGOLSHEIM, so the enemy was able to establish a defense of the bridge north of DAL-HUNDEN where he was concentrating. Darkness and the reported strength of the enemy prevented the resumption of the attack against the bridgehead. At 1545, however, an air mission was flown over DALHUNDEN and the town was bombed and strafed.

ROESCHWOOG was attacked by the enemy and captured early on 17 January. Company K's outpost was hit and driven in; Company B outposts in STATTMETTEN and DENGOLSHEIM were also driven in. Enemy infiltrated around SESSENHEIM and cut Company B off. Lt Colonel Custer with elements of Companies A and L, Headquarters First Battalion, a section of self-propelled tank destroyers and a platoon of tanks, cleaned out the town and contacted Company B, capturing forty prisoners. The attack was to be continued toward DENGOLSHEIM but the smallness of Custer's force and the strength of the enemy resulted only in a demonstration toward the town. The 3d Battalion, which had been reinforced by two small rifle companies, A and B of 314th Infantry (First Battalion 314th Infantry having been attached to Task Force Linden and in turn to the 232d Infantry), was to attack in conjunction with Custer with the bridge as an objective. The attack never did get off, however Company B was left in SESSENHEIM to hold the town. Company C was attacked by enemy from ROESCHWOOG but they were repulsed about 1500. An attack by infantry and tanks on Company K was repulsed with a reported loss of two tanks. One platoon of light tanks of 117th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, First Battalion 410th Infantry and First Battalion 313th Infantry were attached to Task Force Linden.

First Battalion 410th Infantry closed 180250 January 1945. Company B was attacked again and surrounded. Company I was attacked by a small patrol at KAUFFENHEIM which was repulsed. Company K withdrew to the BOIS DE SOUFFLENHEIM from the BOIS DE SESSENHEIM at 1430 when a strong attack was launched against them. First Battalion 410th Infantry moved into the

BOIS DE SOUFFLENHEIM prior to making an attack at 1500 northeast to capture SESSSENHEIM. The withdrawal of Company K 232d Infantry, losing the BOIS DE SESSSENHEIM, gave the enemy ground from which he could bring flanking, enfilade fire on the attack so it was abandoned. The attack was directed to the east to clear the woods and jumped off at 1625. The attack was not entirely successful and at darkness elements of First Battalion 410th Infantry, First Battalion 314th Infantry, and Third Battalion 232d Infantry were all in the woods. Company K 232d Infantry was moved to patrol the open ground to the east and contact elements of the First Battalion 232d Infantry and First Battalion 314th Infantry now in the BOIS DE HUNTZENHEIM.

First Battalion 410th Infantry was attached to 411th Infantry Regimental Combat Team (less one battalion) which closed at SCHIRRHOPFEN at 1700. Company C 813th Tank Destroyer Battalion was attached to 232d Infantry and Company B 714th Tank Battalion was attached to 232d Infantry in 411th Regimental Combat Team. First Battalion 411th Infantry moved into the BOIS DE SOUFFLENHEIM.

Company I 232d Infantry repulsed an attack by a strong patrol on 19 January. Third Battalion 411th Infantry passed through its First Battalion and attacked with eight tanks of Company A 781st Tank Battalion to capture SESSSENHEIM. The town was entered about 0800, but they were forced out with all the tanks being hit. A renewal of the attack was planned at 1830 using the First Battalion 411th Infantry to pass through the First Battalion 410th Infantry, clear out the woods, continue and capture the bridge north of DALHUNDEN. The Commanding General, 79th Division, however ordered all units on the defensive. The 411th Infantry took up its position along the southern edge of the BOIS DE SOUFFLENHEIM and at 2200 was ordered to close the gap to the south between Task Force Linden and 314th Infantry caused by the capture of the Second Battalion 314th Infantry in DRUSENHEIM. Contact was regained at 190330A January 1945. The Second Platoon Company A 827th Tank Destroyer Battalion was attached to Task Force Linden and given to 411th Regimental Combat Team (-). Second Battalion 232d Infantry was released from attachment to 12th Armored Division and rejoined 232d Infantry at 1030.

VI. WITHDRAWAL TO MODER RIVER LINE

The enemy executed pressure on 29 January against elements of 232d Infantry, 313th Infantry and 314th Infantry in the BOIS DE RUNTZENHEIM and infiltrated through the BOIS DE DRUSENHEIM causing the loss of contact between the Third Battalion 314th Infantry and Third Battalion 411th Infantry. Task Force Linden received an overlay from 79th Division, for planning purposes only, for a withdrawal to a defensive line along the MODER RIVER. At 1430 79th Division stated that this plan would be put into effect that day with movement of vehicles to begin at 1830, foot troops at 1930, and rear guards to commence withdrawing at 210300A January 1945. The withdrawal of Task Force Linden was contingent on the movement of the 232d Infantry, who were to use the northern route of Task Force Linden. All units moved on verbal instructions, as the written order did not reach them until about 1830. Task Force Linden lost operational control of all its unit when they cleared the main line of resistance. The 242d Infantry and 222d Infantry were placed on the line, the former north of HAGUENAU and the latter in the vicinity of KALTENHAUSE, while the 232d Infantry was placed in Corps reserve in the vicinity of BOSSENDORF.

VII. DEFENSE OF THE MODER RIVER AND WITHDRAWAL TO ARMY RESERVE

Operating under the control of the 79th Infantry Division, the 222d and the 242d Infantry Regiments spent the 22d of January organizing and preparing defensive positions along the MODER RIVER. The 222d Infantry was assigned to occupy a line extending from approximately one thousand yards west of NEUBOURG to the east edge of SCHWEIGHAUSEN, a distance of approximately five miles. The third battalion was placed on the left, the second battalion on the right and the first battalion in reserve. The 242d Infantry was in position on the east of HAGUENAU, with its line running along the MODER from the east edge of that town to KALTENBACHSE. It was disposed with the third battalion on the left, the second on the right, and the elements which remained of the first battalion in reserve.

Throughout the 22d of January there was evidence of a considerable build-up of enemy infantry and tanks along the entire front and the outposts of the 242d Infantry were forced back to the MODER RIVER late in the day. On the 23d of January the build-up of enemy across the river continued. At 0800 the OPL of the 222d Infantry was driven in south of the MODER. To combat this enemy threat, the first battalion 222d Infantry was moved forward from its reserve position to the town of OHLINGEN, arriving there at 1630.

On the following day, 24 January, patrols from Company I 222d Infantry were pinned down by fire from the railroad track north of a mill at the extreme left flank of their line. At 1800 the enemy began an artillery concentration along the entire 222d Infantry sector with the shelling particularly heavy on SCHWEIGHAUSEN and NEUBOURG. At 2005 Company K and the Second Battalion 222d Infantry were attacked by infantry which made a penetration between the second and third battalions and between E and F Companies. Company E was surrounded, but held its ground and continued to fight on the MLR until 0340 when all ammunition was exhausted. Thirty men and two officers then infiltrated back through the enemy, who held the eastern portion of the BOIS DE OHLINGEN and the northern portion of the town of SCHWEIGHAUSEN.

The first battalion was committed to meet the enemy drive and Company B attacked early on 25 January but was held up by strong infantry resistance. This resistance was reduced, however, and the first battalion reached a position on the enemy's right flank which contained him in the eastern portion of the BOIS DE OHLINGEN. Despite heavy infantry attacks the second battalion remained in the southern part of SCHWEIGHAUSEN while the third battalion maintained the MLR.

Although the main line of resistance was penetrated, the 222d Infantry in twenty-four hours of bitter fighting contained the enemy drive in the woods and in the town of SCHWEIGHAUSEN. An estimated eight hundred enemy were killed and one hundred twelve prisoners were taken while the 222d Infantry had two officers and thirty-two enlisted men killed and six officers and one hundred fourteen men wounded.

At 0915 on 24 January the 232d Infantry passed from VI Corps to the control of Task Force Wahl, which was organized immediately after the attack upon the 222d Infantry and was placed in command of that regiment. To meet the enemy threat the 232d Infantry was moved forward to the 222d Infantry area. The second battalion was moved to the vicinity of SCHWIGHAUSEN and attacked the northern part of the town from the east. The first battalion closed in UHWEILER at 1630 and outposted the town while the third battalion closed in OHLINGEN at 1600 and outposted the town.

During the period of the initial attack upon the 222d Infantry, the 242d Infantry received moderate artillery, small arms and mortar fire demonstrations and at 0100 on 25 January an estimated two battalions of enemy crossed the MODER RIVER in rubber boats at three points, striking at the right flank and between the second and third battalions (E and K Companies). The 242d Infantry met them with a stubborn resistance and withdrew slowly, inflicting heavy casualties, until the enemy had made a penetration of the main line of resistance of between four and five hundred yards. At 1400 the two battalions, supported by the elements of the first battalion, counterattacked, surrounded several groups of the enemy, and by 1700 had driven the others back across the river. One platoon of the third battalion dug in around a factory at the left flank of the regiment's sector on the north side of the river.

At 0730 on 26 January Task Force Wahl launched an attack to clear the enemy from south of the MODER RIVER. Participating in this, in addition to the 222d and 232d Infantry Regiments, were the first and third battalions of the 314th Infantry Regiment and elements of Combat Command "B" of the 14th Armored Division. Prior to the launching of this attack, however, the enemy had withdrawn from south of the MODER and the main line of resistance was restored without resistance.

That same day VI Corps issued Operations Instruction Number 28 directing that elements of Task Force Linden would be relieved by the 79th Infantry Division by 280800A January 1945. This same order directed the movement of Task Force Linden to an assembly area in the vicinity of CHATEAU SALINS, where they would be relieved of attachment to the 79th Infantry Division and VI Corps and pass to control of Seventh Army.

The 222d Infantry was relieved and reverted to Task Force Linden control at 270035 A Jan 45 and the 232d Infantry reverted to Task Force Linden control at 270330A Jan 45. The 242d Infantry was relieved and reverted to Task Force Linden control early the following day.

All three units moved by motor to assembly areas in the vicinity of CHATEAU SALINS where each had a forty-eight hour rest and reorganization period and then began a training program, the purpose of which was to establish small unit SOPs for any combat situation, to acquaint officers and noncommissioned officers with their commands and the capabilities of their reinforcements and to provide maximum training for combat in the time available.

BATTLE CASUALTIES - T F LINDEN
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TOTAL

49 55 143 2 31 123 5 408 16 25 21 105 2 21 470 3 2 649 15 42 38 188 6 118 674 6 3 1075 81 2132

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BATTLE LOSSES OF ORDNANCE MATER

As of 31 January 1945

ITEM	TOTAL LOST
Mortar, 60mm, M2	51
Mount, Mortar, 60mm, M2	50
Rifle, Browning, Auto. Cal. 30, M1918A2	163
Gun, Sub-machine, Cal. 45, M3	68
Mount, Tripod, MG, Cal. 50, M3	31
Gun, Machine, Cal. 30, M1917A1	40
Gun, Machine, Cal. 30, M1919A6	220
Gun, Machine, Cal. 50, M2	20
Mount, Tripod, Cal. 30, M1917A1	39
Mortar, 81mm, M1	22
Mount, Mortar, 81mm, M1	21
Mount, MG, Cal. 30, M48	22
Elevator, Cradle, AA, Cal. 50, M1	4
Mount, Tripod, MG, Cal. 30, M2	22
Mount, Truck, Pedestal, M31	10
Mount, Truck, M50	1
Mount, Truck, pedestal, M24A2	3
Launcher, Grenade, M7	499
Rifle, Cal. 30, M1909A4	22
Pistol, Auto., Cal. 45, M1911A1	149
Knife, Trench, M3	91
Scabbard, M8	134
Launcher, Grenade, M8	54
Projector, Pyro., Hand M9	57
Launcher, Rocket, AT, 2.36", M9A1	157
Carbine, US, Cal 30, M1	131
Bayonet, Knife, M4	436
Scabbard, M8A1	394
Bayonet, M1	145
Scabbard, M7	132
Rifle, US, Cal 30, M1	191
Gun, 57mm, M1, w/Carr. M1A3	11
Watch, Wrist, 7 Jewel	96
Watch, Wrist, 15 Jewel	51
Watch, Wrist, 17 Jewel	4
Binoculars, M3	34
Binoculars, M13	114
Binoculars, M46	16
Binoculars, M17	5
Circle, Aiming, M1	1
Clinometer, MG, M1717	6
Telescope, M48 or M49	2
Truck, 1/4 Ton, 4 x 4, C & R	76
Trailer, 1 Ton, 2 Wheel Cargo	13
Trailer, 1/4 Ton, 2 Wheel Cargo	53
Truck, 2-1/2 Ton, 6 x 6, LWB, w/Winch	4
Truck, 1-1/2 Ton, 6 x 6, w/Winch	15
Truck, 3/4 Ton, 4 x 4, w/Winch	2

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HEADQUARTERS
42D INFANTRY DIVISION

10 February 1945

UNIT DIARY TASK FORCE LINDEN

13 November 1944 - 23 December 1944

(Period from 23 December to 31 December 1944 is covered by G-3 Journal which served the purpose of a unit journal for the Task Force Headquarters).

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES OF TASK FORCE LINDEN

13 November 1944

VQ Detachment of the 42d Infantry Division composed of 17 officers, 1 Red Cross representative and 33 enlisted men entrained at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma for staging area, Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.

16 November 1944

VQ Detachment arrived Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. Detachment Headquarters established in Area #15.

24 November 1944

Boarded SS Edmund B. Alexander in evening; 222d Infantry Regiment, one battalion of the 232d Infantry Regiment and Anti-Tank Company, 242d Infantry Regiment also aboard.

25 November 1944

Sailed from New York via the Straits of Gibraltar enroute port of Marseille, France.

8 December 1944

Arrived port of Marseille, France. Voyage completed without any unusual circumstances.

9 December 1944

Disembarked port of Marseille. The advance element of the 42d Division consisting of three infantry regiments and a VQ detachment, were assigned to Seventh Army. General Linden and his staff met with General Deureux, Commander of the Delta Base Sector. Troops, after disembarking, moved by foot from 5 to 8 miles to an entrucking point where they were moved by convoy to the Delta Base Staging Area, CP #2, 15 miles north of Marseille.

13 December 1944

Division relieved from assignment to Seventh Army and assigned to III Corps, Third Army.

15 December 1944

General Linden and staff departed from CP #2 for Third Army Headquarters at Nancy and from there were to report to III Corps Headquarters at Metz. Party departed at 1000 arriving at Dijon at 2045 and remaining overnight.

16 December 1944

General Linden reported to General Patton, Commanding General, Third Army, at Nancy and from there moved to Metz and reported to General Millikan, Commanding General, III Corps. Acting G-1 with billeting party from each regiment departed from Marseille at 0800 arriving at Lyon at 1930 and remaining there overnight.

17 December 1944

Advance group under General Linden reconnoitered up to the VI Corps area in preparation to take over Task Force Fickett's sector. Second echelon departed Lyon at 0715 arrived Nancy at 1730, reporting to the Adjutant General, Third Army. Party spent the night in Nancy.

18 December 1944

General Linden and S-3 reported to Corps CP at 0830 and were briefed at 0930. They then made a reconnaissance of the 6th Armored Division area, vicinity Farshwiller, and Task Force Fickett Area, vicinity Leutenwiller. Returned to Metz at 1830 and found that two regiments plus a VQ detachment had been assigned to 6th Armored Division and one regiment, 222d Infantry, had been assigned to Task Force Fickett to take over in front lines at Saarbrücken and Luetsenwiller. Billeting party arrived Metz at 1100 hours. At 2330 General Linden was informed by the Chief of Staff, III Corps that we had passed to control of XII Corps effective 0900, 19 December 1944.

19 December 1944

General Linden and S-3 reported to XII Corps by telephone and moved from Metz to XII Corps CP at Saarbourg; reported to General Eddy and were ordered to send two regiments plus VQ to the 6th Armored Division and one regiment (232d Inf) to the 35th Division. Quartering party directed to prepare billets and bivouac areas for regiments. VQ detachment CP scheduled to be established at Farshwiller.

20 December 1944

The Commanding General departed 6th Armored Division CP at 0830 for Saarbourg. Received instructions from General Eddy that unit was to pass to XV Corps of the Seventh Army and directed the Division to reassemble in the vicinity of Benestroff and become a Seventh Army reserve under the name of Task Force Linden. Party went to Morhange XII Corps, Seventh Army rear CP, to establish communications with Seventh Army. Seventh Army Chief of Staff instructed Task Force Linden to assemble in Benestroff. Surgeon was sent to Seventh Army as Liaison Officer.

21 December 1944

Task Force Linden ordered to take over the Rhine river sector in the zone of the 36th Division from Herrlisheim to Plobsheim. 242d Infantry closed in Benestroff area and moved by motor from Benestroff to Strasbourg.

22 December 1944

Headquarters Task Force Linden established headquarters in chateau at Strasbourg. 242d Infantry motor column closed Strasbourg 1930 hours. 232d Infantry closed in Benestroff by rail and motor at 2330.

23 December 1944

242d Infantry moved into position along the west bank of the Rhine River in the area occupied by the 141st Infantry of the 36th Division. 232d Infantry closed in Strasbourg area at 1930 hours. 222d Infantry motor and rail movement closed Benestroff about 2400 hours.

SIXTH ARMY GROUP
Office of the Commanding General
APO 23

13 January 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding General, 79th Infantry Division, APO 79.
THRU: Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO 758. L-1049

Holding an important sector, the troops of the 79th Infantry Division received the main attack of the present German offensive on 8 January. The Germans, forced to abandon efforts to pierce our lines to the West, launched a powerful coordinated attack against your positions. The splendid defensive action of your division has been most outstanding. Continued attempts of the powerful 21st Panzer Division were completely blocked and dispersed. In spite of the commitment of the 25th Panzer Grenadier Division two days later, the entire enemy attack was contained. These accomplishments were made despite the necessity to extend your south flank a considerable distance.

I wish to commend each and every man in the 79th Infantry Division for his determined resistance and steadfast achievement in the face of superior enemy numbers.

/s/ Jacob L. Devers
JACOB L. DEVERS,
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.
AMP/jbt

AG 201.22-A 1st Ind.
HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY, APO 758, 20 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, 79th Infantry Division, APO 79.
(THRU: Commanding General VI Corps, APO 46)

To the foregoing commendation of the Army Group Commander, the Commanding General, Seventh Army, adds his sincere congratulations for your stubborn defensive fighting.

/s/ A. M. Patch,
A. M. PATCH,
Lieutenant General, USA,
Commanding.

AG 201.2 2d Ind.
HEADQUARTERS VI CORPS, APO # 46, U. S. Army, 24 January 1945.

To: Commanding General, 79th Infantry Division, APO 79, U. S. Army.

This commendation is forwarded with great pleasure.

/s/ Edward H. Brooks
EDWARD H. BROOKS,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding

S/L Hq 6th Army Gp to CG 79th Inf Div dtd 13 Jan 45 sub: Commendation.

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HEADQUARTERS 79TH INFANTRY DIVISION, APO 79, US Army, 26 January 1945.

3d Ind.

TO: Every member of the 79th Division and attached units.
(To be read by appropriate commanders at the first opportunity)

Your magnificent defense which frustrated the enemy's planned offensive to regain Alsace will go down in history as a great accomplishment. I wish to express to each of you who participated in the operation my admiration and thanks, the larger share going to the defenders of Hatten and Rittershoffen.

/s/ I. T. Wyche,
I. T. WYCHE,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

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CLIFF JOHNSON,
1st Lt., AGD,
Asst Adj Gen.

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G-3 PERIODIC REPORTS

TASK FORCE LINDEN

No's 1-33

From 212400A DECEMBER 1944 TO 312400A JAN 1945

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23 December 1944

G-3 REPORT

FROM: 212400A Dec 44
TO: 232400A Dec 44
Hq. TF LINDEN
STRASBOURG, FRANCEV9997

No. 1

Maps: Central Europe 1:100,000, Sheets V-2, W-2
Europe Road Map 1:200,000, Sheets 57-87.

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1. OUR FRONT LINE: None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: BENESTROFF and STRASBOURG.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
 - a. Right Flank: 2 IB (FR)
 - b. Left Flank: Task Force HARRIS
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold with Snow in BENESTROFF
Cloudy in STRASBOURG
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. 242d Infantry - Closed in the BENESTROFF area by rail and motor 212300 Dec 44. Moved by motor to STRASBOURG area closing 221930 Dec 44. 230800 Dec 44 Regiment moved into positions occupied by 141st Infantry Regiment for orientation and indoctrination preparatory to assuming responsibility for defense of the sector.

b. 232d Infantry - Closed in the BENESTROFF area by rail and motor 222330 Dec 44. Moved to STRASBOURG area by motor closing at 231930 Dec 44.

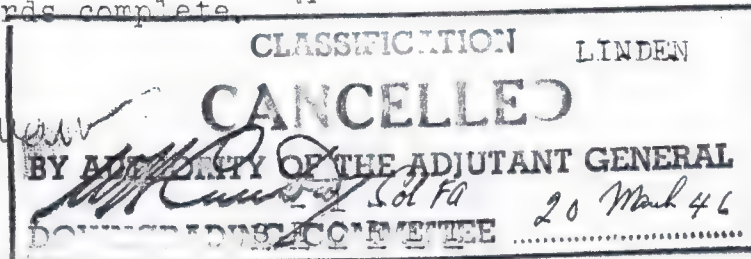
c. 222d Infantry - 21-23 Dec 44 Enroute to BENESTROFF area by rail and motor. Expected to close at 232330 Dec 44.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Movement into zone of 36th Infantry Division two-thirds complete.

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Date: 250800 Dec 44

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FROM: 232400A Dec 44
TO: 242400A Dec 44
Hq TF LINDEN
STRASBOURG, FRANCEV9997

No. 2

Maps: Central Europe 1:100,000, Sheets V-2, W-2.
Europe Road Map 1:200,000, Sheets 57-87.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
 - a. Right Flank: 2 DB (Fr)
 - b. Left Flank: Task Force HARRIS
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold, Hazy overcast in AM, clear in PM.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

RHINE R. 242d Infantry - Occupied positions with 141st Inf. W of
141st Inf. relieved of responsibility for defense 242359A
Dec 44.

b. 232d Infantry - Moved into sector of 143d Inf. Regt.
Made rcn and began organization for defense of positions. Completed
occupation of sector - Relieved 143d Inf. of responsibility for defense
of that portion of 143d's sector within sector assigned 232d Inf.
(Overlay).

c. 222d Infantry - Enroute BENESTROFF-STRASBOURG. Two-thirds
of regiment closed STRASBOURG area 242300A Dec 44.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Front line regiments occupied and
assumed responsibility for 36th Inf. Div. sector on RHINE R. 242359A.
From left (N) flank to rt (S) Flank 36th Div. sector, STRASBOURG
area still in control 36th Inf. Div. pending closing in area 222d Inf.

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To : 252400A DEC 44
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KOENIGSHOFFEN (V9997) FRANCE

No. 3

Maps: FRANCE 1:50,000, Sheets V-2, W-2.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: Annex No. 1.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS; Annex No. 1
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
 - a. Right Flank: 2 DB (Fr)
 - b. Left Flank: TF HARRIS
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold and clear.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
 - a. (1) 222d Inf: 3d Bn completed relief 3d Bn, 143d Inf 251600A. Balance of Regt closed STRASBOURG area 251200A and constitutes part of TF Res.
 - (2) 232d Inf: Improved Defv Pos on its front and continued its patrolling. 2d and 3d Bns, see Annex 1, 1st Bn Res. Recon Co, 636 TD Bn continued reconnaissance and contact missions.
 - (3) 242d Inf: 1st and 3d Bns, see Annex 1; 2d Bn Res. Continued Orgn of Pos and active patrolling. Co. D, 753d Tk Bn Atchd continued patrolling S flank.
 - b. Field Arty: No missions fired.
 - c. AAA:
 - (1) Btrys B & C, 443d AAA AW Bn SP; Continued in GS of TF LINDEN.
 - (2) 62d AAA Gun Bn (-Btrys A & C): No Gnd missions fired.
 - d. Armor: 753d Tk Bn (-Co's A & D) remained in mobile Res. D Co. attached 242d Inf.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Further strengthening defensive Pos all units. Continued patrolling. Opns proceeding as planned.

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Annexes: 1 - Front Lines and Unit Locations.

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1. FRONT LINES:

222d Inf
3d Bn - WO42980-WO43963
232d Inf
3d Bn - RO46008-RO68060
1st Bn - R091081-R130118
Rcn Co
836 TD Bn- R126143
242d Inf
1st Bn - WO31900-WO31916
3d Bn - WO33926-WO38943

2. UNIT LOCATIONS:

TF LINDEN - Q987973
222d Inf - Q960018
1st Bn - Q952040
2d Bn - Q949985
3d Bn - V Q932951
232d Inf - R Q953018
1st Bn - R110105
2d Bn - R Q937184
3d Bn - R Q944043
242d Inf - V991930
1st Bn - W019917
2d Bn - V984926
3d Bn - W025937

ATTACHED UNITS

132d FA Bn - W006954
753d Tk Bn - V992990
5th AAA Gp - Q979130

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KOENIGSHOFFEN (V981974) FRANCE

270800A Dec 44

No. 4

Map: Central Europe, 1:50,000, Sheets XXXVIII-14, XXXVIII-15, XXXVIII-16, XXXIX-14, XXXIX-15.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
 - a. Right flank (S): First (Fr) Army
 - b. Left flank (N): TF HARRIS
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold and clear.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
 - a. (1) 222d Inf: 3d Bn continued improvement of Pos with active patrolling. Received some Arty fire. Other two Bns, TF Res. Rcn Co 636th TD Bn continued contact and Recon mission on left (N) flank.
 - (2) 232d Inf: Vigorous patrolling maintained to locate and destroy enemy patrols on W bank of RHINE R.
 - (3) 242d Inf: Bns continued defense of sector, preparing Defv Pos based on a series of listening posts, combat outposts, main battle Pos and prepared Pos for delaying action. Aerodrome in sector has been refused enemy by a series of obstacles placed on the Grd. Enemy Arty fire received at FORT HOCHÉ at 1120.
 - b. Field Arty: No missions fired.
 - c. AAA: Engaged enemy planes between 2300 and 2400.
 - d. Armor: 753d Tk Bn (-Co A). Co's B & C and X Btry moved into indirect firing Pos. B & C Co's each moved 2 Plats in Pos while holding the third in mobile Res. Co D in mobile Res.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent despite loss of men for replacements elsewhere.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Continued strengthening of Pos by all units with vigorous patrolling along the entire TF sector. Opns proceeding as planned.

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Annex: 1 - Situation Overlay.

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Map: Eastern France, 1:50,000, Sheets XXXVIII-14, XXXVIII-15, XXXVIII-16, XXXIX-14, XXXIX-15.

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

3d Bn, 222d Inf	W042980 - W043983
2d Bn, 232d Inf	W033925 - W035943
1st Bn, 242d Inf	W031900 - W031916

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

CP TFLINDEN	V981974
CP 222d Inf	Q960018
1st Bn, 222d Inf	Q950040
2d Bn, 222d Inf	V950985
CP 232d Inf	R953018
1st Bn, 232d Inf	R091081 - R130118
3d Bn, 232d Inf	R046088 - R068060
CP 242d Inf	V991930
2d Bn, 242d Inf	V980920
Rcn Co, 636 TD Bn	R125143
132d FA Bn	V986936

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

- Right (S) flank: First (Fr) Army: On the general Defv against superior German forces, but still captured the town of EBERSMUSTER.
- Left (N) flank: TF HERREN: Completed the relief of the 232d Inf in Pos.
- VI Corps: TF LINDEN Atchd at 271800.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: ^{Cold} Clear and hazy.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

- (1) 222d Inf: Mortar fire placed on assault boats and ponton bridge site by 3d Bn about 2030. Received SA and Arty fire.
- (2) 232d Inf: 1st and 3d Bns relieved by TF HERREN at 272400. 2d Bn relieved 3d Bn, 242d Inf. Wire line of 3d Bn tapped at 0430. Sporadic SA and AW fire during the day. Patrols active to the river bank.
- (3) 242d Inf: AT Co fired 18 rounds 57mm at a pillbox, making hits but no penetration. Mortar fire hit enemy MG and AT gun. 3d Bn relieved by 2d Bn, 232d Inf. ~~Two per company. Piccolo TF, in fire fight at 2045, the enemy withdrew. Sec. Est. The river afterwards.~~

b. Field Arty

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... wounded, first in ... fire fight at 2045,
the enemy withdrawing across the river afterwards.

b. Field Arty:

- (1) 132d FA Bn: Harrassing fire on enemy Trs and vehicles 2010 - 2030, expending 56 rounds. Prepared to move to new location.
- (2) X Btry, 753d Tk Bn: Fired for registration only.
- (3) 62d AAA (G) Bn (-): Fired 80 rounds on rail traffic and road junctions.

c. AAA:

62d AAA (G) Bn
443d AAA AW Bn (SF)
No missions fired

d. ArmorL

753d Tk Bn (-Co A): Status unchanged. B and C Cos each have two Plats in indirect firing Pos and one in Res. D Co, atchd to 242d Inf, has been held in Res.

- e. TD's: ~~Don Co, 656th TD Bn relieved Fr atchd 232d Inf and~~
Ron Co, 636th TD Bn relieved Fr Atchd 232d Inf and Atchd
242d Inf effective 281200.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: ~~EXCEL~~lent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: TF HERREN relieved 232d Inf in Pos.
Scattered SA and AW fire received in several small encounters.
TF received its first casualties.

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Map: Eastern France, 1:50,000. Sheets XXXVIII-14, XXXVIII-15, XXXVIII-16, XXXIX-14, XXXIX-15

1. Our Front Lines:

1st Bn 222 Inf - Q983043-Q982022
3d Bn 222 Inf - W045975-W045958
1st Bn 232 Inf - W042980-W043983
2d Bn 232d Inf - W033225-W035943
1st Bn 242d Inf - W037920-W020883
3d Bn 242d Inf - W020883-V996860

2. Location of Troops:

GP TF LINDEN - V981974
GP 222 Inf - Q997006
2d Bn 222d Inf - V935985
GP 232d Inf - R001007
3d Bn 232d Inf - W003941
GP 242d Inf - Q990931
GP 2d Bn 242d Inf Q985920
GP 132d FA Bn - V985924
GP 753d Tk Bn - V992990
GP Ren Co 636 TD Bn - Atchd 242d Inf

3. Information of Adjacent Units and supporting troops:

- a. Left (n) Flank - TF Herren on general defensive.
- b. Right (s) Flank - First (Fr) Army with French Armored Division on general defensive.
- c. 132d FA Bn in support of TF Linden.
- d. 443d AAA Gun Bn - Anti-aircraft protection of TF LINDEN
- f. 753d Tk Bn - Force reserve and supporting artillery for TF LINDEN.
- g. Ren Co. 636 TD Bn - Atchd 242d Inf.

4. Weather and visibility. Clear, cold, visibility good.

5. Our operations for the period.

a. Infantry.

(1) 232d Inf continued organization and preparation of for defense of its area.

(2) 232d Inf - Continued active defense and patrolling. Relieved from old positions by TF Herren as of 280001A Dec 44

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(3) 252d Inf - Sporadic SA and AW firing along front during daylight hours. First fight with three enemy boats. 3d Bn began move to new sector 8 of 1st Bn 280800A Dec 44.

(b) Field Artillery.

(1) 132d FA Bn - Displaced to new positions, registered and fired on enemy activity.

(2) "X" Btry 753d Tk Bn - Direct Support of 232d Inf reinforcing fires of the 132d FA Bn.

(3) 062d AAA (G) Bn (-):- Fired 32 rounds on Roads, RJ's and MG Positions.

(c) AAA

(1) 443d AAA AW Bn (SP) Btry B & C continued in general support of TF LINDEN with 4 gun sections in direct support of infantry battalions. No enemy air activity.

(2) 52d AAA(G) Bn - No enemy activity

(d) Armored.

753d Tk Bn - Conducted maintenance, rehabilitation, training and reconnaissance.

(e) TD

Ron 636 TD Bn - Continued patrolling and contact mission on left flank of 232d Infantry. Relieved from attached to 232d Infantry and attached to 242d Infantry as of 281200A Dec 44.

6. Combat Efficiency. - Excellent.

7. Results of operations:

Continued improvement of defensive positions. Readjustment of lines being effected today was stopped due to new Corps Orders.

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KOENIGSHOFFEN (V981924) FRANCE

300100A Dec 44

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Map: EASTERN FRANCE, 1:50,000, Sheets XXXVIII-14, XXXVIII-15,
XXXVIII-16, XXXIX-14, XXXIX-15.

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

1st Bn, 232d Inf - R135115-R082057
3rd Bn, 232d Inf - R082057-R067053-R059015
3rd Bn, 222d Inf - R059015-W046954
1st Bn, 242d Inf - W037920-W020888
3rd Bn, 242d Inf - W046954-W037920

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

CP TF LINDEN - V981974
CP 232d Inf - R011006
2d Bn 232d Inf - R038110
CP 222d Inf - V951986
1st Bn 222d Inf - V908955
2d Bn 222d Inf - V932954
CP 242d Inf - V989929
2d Bn 242d Inf - V984926
CP 753d Tk Bn - R011012

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:

- a. Left (N) flank - TF HERREN.
- b. Right (S) flank - First (Fr) Army. 3d (US) Inf Div completed mopping up of SIGOLSHEIM (V6748) and patrolled to the S. & SE meeting light resistance.
- c. Field artillery support by 33d FA Brig.
- d. Anti-aircraft protection by 5th AAA Gp.
- e. Co's "B" & "D" 753d Tk Bn atchd to and supporting TF LINDEN.
- f. Co "A" 781st Tk Bn atchd to and supporting TF LINDEN.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear and cold.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. Infantry.

(1) 232d Inf-

All Bns, Cn Co, and AT Co, 232d Inf moved to new locations and were effecting relief of units of 222d Inf and 242d Inf as ordered. Warning order was issued last night for move back to old positions. Movement to effect relief of TF HERREN in our assigned area will begin at 291400A Dec 44. Active patrolling and defense of all areas was carried on throughout period. SA and mortars were fired at definitely located targets E of RHINE R.

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- (2) 222d Inf-1st Bn in process of moving to new location and preparing for defense of its area. 2d Bn completed movement to new area 281700A Dec 44. Preparing defense. 3d Bn continued active defense of its area including active night patrolling between fixed installations on W bank of RHINE R. Sporadic SA fire throughout night. Co "A" Atchd to 3d Bn as of 290800A Dec 44 enroute to 3d Bn area. AT Co completed movement to WOLFISHEIM (V995982). Cn Co remained Atchd to 132d FA Bn. Hq Co and Sv Co moved to new locations.
- (3) 242d Inf- Sporadic SA and AW firing during day, increasing during night. 3d Bn completed movement to new positions, S of 1st Bn and conducted patrolling during night. 3d Bn moved back to old positions N of 1st Bn. Cn Co displaced to new Pos, registered on E bank of RHINE. AT Co completed Rcn for Ra blocks and AT traps on S.
- b. Artillery.
No artillery atchd to TF LINDEN. Support provided by 33d FA Gp. 132d FA Bn fired 32 rds registration.
- c. AAA.
No AAA atchd to TF LINDEN. Support provided by 5th AAA Gp.
- d. Armored.
Co. B 753d Tk Bn - 2 Batteries in position. Remainder of Co performing maintenance, rehabilitation, and training. Co D 753d Tk Bn atchd to 242d Inf in regtl reserve vic. V004943. "X" Btry D/S 232d Inf and reinforcing fires of 132d FA Bn. Co. "A" 781st Tk Bn atchd to 753d Tk Bn.
- e. TD.
Rcn Co, 636th TD Bn atchd and operating with 242d Inf.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:
Defensive positions improved, particularly AT defenses and obstacles. Movement of 232d Inf to IF HERRIN'S sector completed. Readjustments of line of 222d and 242d Inf was also completed.

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OUR FRONT LINES:

1st Bn 232d Inf - R135115-0000 085070
 2d Bn 232d Inf - R0980057-087053 085015
 3d Bn 222d Inf - W045980-045953
 1st Bn 242d Inf - W037920-010852
 3d Bn 242d Inf - W045953-037920

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

TF TF LINDEN - V981974
 CP 232d Inf - R011006
 2d Bn 232d Inf - 015045
 CP 222d Inf - V925930
 2d Bn 222d Inf - V925930
 1st Bn 222d Inf - Q980045
 CP 242d Inf - V939929
 2d Bn 242d Inf - W988880
 CP 753d Tk Bn - R012012

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:

- a. Left (N) Flank - TF HERRIN in process of relieving TF HARRIS. Continued defense in zone.
- b. Right (S) Flank - FIRST FRENCH ARMY with 2 DB in contact with 242d Inf. 3 DIA received enemy counterattack via LEGRAS during the afternoon of 29 Dec.
- c. FA support by 33D BRIGADE.
- d. AA protection by 5th AAA GROUP - A & C.
- e. 753d TANK BN attached to and supporting TF LINDEN.
- f. Co. "A" 781st Tank Bn attached to and supporting TF LINDEN.
- g. Ron Co (-) 636th TD BN attached and operating with 242d Inf.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold, clear, visibility fair.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. Infantry:

(1) 232d - All units. 232d Inf moved to new positions and at 0800 30 Dec 44. Active patrolling and preparation for defense of the area is being carried out.

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232d Inf Bn continued preparation of defensive positions for and reconnoitered locations for road block positions. Reconnoitered permanent fortified positions in area and reconnoitered for road blocks in defensive positions. Continued day and night patrolling. 3d Bn fired mixed WF and Heavy Artillery Mortar on two (2) enemy barges and ten and to fifteen pontoon boats on the East Side of Rhine R. Four fires were started and one barge was observed burning. Sporadic AA fire during the night. Active patrolling between fixed installations within the Bn Sector. Co. "A" completed movement to third Bn area and is now attached to third Bn.

(3) 242d - 3d Bn moved to new position on left of regimental sector. 2d Bn moved one company to RECHAU. 3d Bn requested Arty Concentration in area where hammering and sawing was reported by "I" Company. A five pound arty concentration was fired at Coord. 055900. No effect was observed. Patrolling during the night continued.

b. ARTILLERY: No arty attached to TF LINDEN. Support by 300 FA GP. Harassing fires placed on R. and Towns. During last night. Various opportunities were red upon with good results.

c. AAA: No enemy air activity.

d. ARMORED: Co. "B" 753d Tk Bn - 2 batteries in position. Remainder performing maintenance, rehabilitation and training. Co. "D" 750d Tk Bn - Attached to 242d Inf in regimental reserve via 8004040. 1 Btry - Direct support of 232d Inf. and reinforcing the fires of 130d FA Bn. Co. "A" 781st Tk Bn - Attached to 753d Tk Bn closed in LINCOLNSHIRE at 1700.

e. TD - Ren Co. 638th TD Bn attached and operating with 242d Inf.

f. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: - Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: - 232d Inf relieved elements of TF HERRICK. Active defense and patrolling being carried out. Continued preparation of defensive position. Readjustment of lines complete.

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Map: Eastern France, 1:50,000, Sheets XXXVIII-14, 15, 16, XXXIX-14, 15.

1. OUR FRONT LINES.

1st Bn 232d Inf - R135113-093067
3d Bn 232d Inf - R037067-W049991
3d Bn 222d Inf - W049991-044952
1st Bn 222d Inf - W044952-034697
2nd Bn 222d Inf - W034697-010854

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

CP TF LINDEN - V981974
CP 232d Inf - R013050
2d Bn 232d Inf - R037108
CP 222d Inf - V989929
CP 242d Inf - V950984
1st Bn 242d Inf - V912955
3d Bn 242d Inf - V930955
CP 753d Tk Bn - R012012
2d 242d Inf - V980920

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

- Left (N) Flank - TF HERREN - 274th Inf extending positions and relieving 276th Inf; 276th Inf assembling Vic CAMP OBERKOFFEN.
- Right (S) Flank - FIRST FRENCH ARMY - First French Inf relieving 2 DB. Continued defense of sector.
- FA support by 33d FA Brig.
- AA protection by 5th AAA Gp
- 753d Tk Bn (-) Atchd to and supporting TF LINDEN.
- Co "A" 781st Tk Bn Atchd to 753d Tk Bn.
- Rcn Co 636th TB Bn (-) Atchd and operating with 242d Inf.
- 2d Plat, 830th Amph Tr Co Atchd and operating with 242d Inf.
- Det 72d Sig Co and 57th Sig Bn Atchd and operating with Task Force.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD.

- Infantry.
 - 232d Inf. - Extended south boundary relieving Co "A" 222d Inf. Elements of 2d Bn occupying and defending bridges at W006994 and W002970. Continued improvement and consolidation of road blocks. CP moved to REICHSTETT.
 - 222d Inf. - 1st Bn relieved 3d Bn 242d Inf. in its zone. 2d Bn relieved 1st Bn 242d Inf. in its zone. 3d Bn positions of E of SIRASBOURG remained unchanged.
 - 242d Inf. - 3d Bn moved to Vic. of HOLTZHEIM, 1st Bn Vic. HANGENBIETEN, both Bns TF RESERVE. 2d Bn positions unchanged.

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- b. Artillery. No artillery attached to LINDEN. Support of Task Force by 33d FA Brigade. Harassing fires fired by direct support artillery during period 311200A Dec 44 to 010300A Jan 45 on order of 33d FA Brig.
 - c. AAA. No AAA attached to TF LINDEN. Protection of Task Force by 5th AAA Gp.
 - d. Armored. Co. "B" 753d Tk Bn, two (2) batteries in position, remainder of company in NEIDERHAUSBERGEN performing necessary maintenance, rehabilitation and training. Co "I" 753d Tk Bn Atchd 242d Inf, in Regtl Res Vic W004943. "X" Btry D/S 232d Inf, reinforcing fires of 132d FA Bn. Co "A" 781st Tk Bn, two (2) bttries in Fos Vic LINGOLSHEIM, remainder of Co in town performing necessary maintenance.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Readjustments of line and movement to new positions continued.

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1. OUR FRONT LINES.

1st Bn 232d Inf - R135115-094067
3d Bn 232d Inf - R094067-W048992
3d Bn 222d Inf - W048992-W045955
1st Bn 222d Inf - W045955-W043898
2d Bn 222d Inf - W043898-W009855

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

CP TF LINDEN - V981974
CP 232d Inf - R014053
2d Bn 232d Inf - R037110
CP 222d Inf - V980920
CP 242d Inf - V950984
1st Bn 242d Inf - V910956
2d Bn 242d Inf - V983924
3d Bn 242d Inf - V931953
CP 753d Tk Bn - R012012

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS.

- a. Left (N) Flank: TF HERREN maintaining Defv position with one Regt (274th Inf) on line.
- b. Right (S) Flank: FIRST FRENCH ARMY - First (Fr) Infantry Div completed relief of 2DB. Continue in defense of sector.
- c. FA: Support by 33d FA Brig.
- d. AA: Protection by 5th AAA Gp.
- e. 753d Tk Bn (-): Atchd to and supporting TF LINDEN.
- f. Co A 781st Tk Bn: Atchd to 753d Tk Bn.
- g. Rcn Co (-) 836th TD Bn: Atchd and operating with 232d Inf.
- h. 2d Plat, 830th Amph Trk Co: Atchd and operating with 232d Inf.
- i. Det 72d Sig Co and Det. 57th Sig. Bn: Atchd and operating with TF LINDEN.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear, cold, visibility good.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

- a. Infantry.
(1) 232d Inf - Readjustment of lines and movement into new positions completed. Active patrolling. Reconnaissance and improvement of all defenses continues.

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- (2) 242d Inf - Completed movement to TF Res. at 021200A. So A 753d Tk Bn & Ren Co (-) 636th TD Bn released from Atchmt. Regt made plans for movement to new Defv positions line ALTDORF-OBERNAI.
- (3) 222d Inf - Regt being relieved in position by 2d Bn 232d Inf.
- b. ARTILLERY: No Arty atchd to TF LINDEN. 33d FA Brig. in support, with 59th AFA in direct support.
- c. AAA: No AAA atchd to TF LINDEN. Protection by 5th AAA Gp.
- d. ARMORED: 753d Tk Bn (-) Atchd to TF LINDEN. No change in dispositions and activities.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: TF LINDEN atchd to 79th Div eff 021100A. Readjustment of lines and occupation of new positions continue.

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1. OUR FRONT LINES.
1st Bn 232d Inf: R202291-234225-200185-172180-140117
3d Bn 232d Inf: R140113-067050-W047990.
2d Bn 232d Inf: W047990-034913-008853
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
CP TF LINDEN: V981974
CP 232d Inf: R013054
CP 222d Inf: V988923
1st Bn 222d Inf: R036110
2d Bn 222d Inf: V985915
3d Bn 222d Inf: V925925
CP 242d Inf: V800885
Regt moving to BRUMATH (Q980145)
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS.
 - a. Left (N) Flank: 79th Div continues to defend in sector. Sector remains generally quiet.
 - b. Right (S) Flank: FIRST FRENCH ARMY with 1st (Fr) Inf Div in contact with TF LINDEN continues in Def of Sector.
 - c. Field artillery support by 33d FA Brig.
 - d. Antiaircraft protection by 5th AAA Gp.
 - e. 2d Plat, 830th Amph Trk Co Atchd and operating with 232d Inf.
 - f. Co A, 781st Tk Bn Atchd and operating with TF LINDEN.
 - g. Det 72d Sig Co and Det 57th Sig Bn Atchd and operating with TF LINDEN.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold, cloudy, visibility fair.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD.
 - a. Infantry.
 - (1) 232d Inf - Occupied entire front of TF LINDEN. 1st Bn (Regtl Res) was moved to BISCHWILLER and to SCUFFLEN-HEIM relieving 274th Inf of TF HERREN. At 2100, 2d Bn, 232d Inf was Atchd to 222d Inf for operations.

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- (2) 222d Inf - Moved into position as Task Force Rea. started to move its service elements VOUGH position. This movement to the rear was stopped at 1500, and orders were issued for 1st Bn, 222d Inf, to move on HOERDT. At 2100 1st Bn was attached to 232d Inf for operations. Boundary between 222d Inf and 232d Inf: Q995003-RC03000-W005994-W022995-W025997-W040991-W049998
- (3) 242d Inf - Completed move to VOUGH position at 0700. It received a warning order at 1430 from 3d 79th Div to prepare to move on two hours notice by organic transportation to BRUMATH. At 1530 order to move was received. Thirty additional trucks were to be supplied by 79th Div. Refugee and military traffic prevented transportation from arriving, so that at 2400 Acgt has not moved.

- b. Artillery: 35d FA Brig in support of TF LINDEN with 54th AFM Bn in direct support and 935th FA Bn in general support. Four observed fire missions fired by 59th AFM Bn during period 0945-1345. Harassing fires during night by both direct support and general support arty on direction of 35d FA Brig.
- c. 54th AFM Bn attached to TF LINDEN. Protected by 5th A/C.
- d. 935th FA Bn (.) and Recon Co. by 538th TD Bn. Released from attachment TF LINDEN by VI COMF3 order at 1330.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY. Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: TF LINDEN began movement to VOUGH position, closing 242d Inf at 0700. Change in plans caused 1st Bn, 232d Inf to relieve 224th Inf, TF HERGEN, and the movement of 222d Inf to HOERDT.

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Map: Eastern Europe, 1:50,000, Sheets XXXIX-14, 15, XXXVIII-14, 15, 16.

1. OUR FRONT LINES.

2d Bn 222d Inf: W047950-W050992
2d Bn 232d Inf: W014853-W047950-W050992
3d Bn 232d Inf: W050992-R140112
1st Bn 232d Inf: R140112-R142212-R200293
1st and 3d Bns, 242d Inf: Relieving 314th Inf

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

CP TF LINDEN: V981974
CP 222d Inf: V992922
1st Bn 222d Inf: R-35117
2d Bn 222d Inf: W037969
3d Bn 222d Inf: V928923
CP 232d Inf: R015055
1st Bn 232d Inf: R137231
2d Bn 232d Inf: W027948
3d Bn 232d Inf: R072063
CP 242d Inf: R132334
3d Bn 242d Inf: V805885

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:

- Left (N) Flank: Elms of TF LINDEN are relieving Elms of 79th Div in sector. Enemy patrols active in sector.
- Right (S) Flank: 3d DIA moved into TF LINDEN zone prior to relieving that unit 4-6 Jan 45.
- Field artillery support by 33d FA Brig.
- Antiaircraft protection by 5th AAA Gp.
- 2d Plat, 830th Amph Trk Co Atchd and operating with 222d Inf.
- Co A, 781st Tk Bn Atchd and operating with TF LINDEN.
- Det 72d Sig Co and Det 57th Sig Bn Atchd and operating with TF LINDEN.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold, cloudy, visibility fair.

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5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. Infantry.

- (1) 222d Inf - Elms 2d Bn relieved Co G 232d Inf on position. 1st Bn moved to MOERDT. Attached 2d Bn, 232d Inf. Co 222d Inf given responsibility of B part of TF sector.
- (2) 232d Inf - 1st Bn relieved Elms 274th Inf, TF HARRIS at 040145. Co G relieved by Elms 2d Bn, 222d Inf, and moved into Pos between 1st and 3d Bns.
- (3) 242d Inf - Began relief of 314th Inf.

b. Artillery. 33d FA Brig in support of TF LINDEN with 59th AAA in direct support and 935th FA in support of 232d Inf.

c. AAA. Protection by B and D Btrys of 62d AAA and one Platoon 79th Recon Tr in 232d Inf zone.

d. Armored. Co A, 781st Tk Bn moved to MOERDT, prepared to move to indirect firing positions.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: 242d Inf Regt relieving 314th Inf Regt in position. Elms of 232d Inf W047950-W050992.

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Map: Eastern Europe, 1:50,000, Sheets XXXVIII-13, 14, XXXIX-13, 14.

1. OUR FRONT LINES.

3d Bn 222d Inf: R100448-155438

1st Bn 222d Inf: R155438-166390

1st Bn 242d Inf: R188355-190313

3d Bn 242d Inf: R190313-203290

1st Bn 232d Inf: R203290-208243-233412-along R to 169164

3d Bn 232d Inf: R169164-along R to 080052

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS.

CP TF LINDEN: R046224

CP 222d Inf: R108377

CP 242d Inf: R135333

2d Bn 242d Inf: Atchd 232d Inf - TF "A"

CP 232d Inf: R050128

TF "A" (2d Bn 242d Inf; Co E 222d Inf; Co E 232d Inf; 79th
Rcn Tr; Tr D 94th Rcn Sq (mecz); 1 Plat Co A 781st
Tk Bn) CP: WYERSHEIM (R049130)

TF "B" (1 Plat Co L 232d Inf; Co F 232d Inf; Co H 232d Inf;
Cn Co 232d Inf; Co F 222d Inf; Co H 222d Inf; and
Co FFI; 2 Plats Co A 781st Tk Bn) CP: LA WARTHEIM
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3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Right (S) Flank: 3d DIA in process of relieving
TF LINDEN in STRASBOURG zone.

b. Left (N) Flank: 45th Inf Div. Atk to be relieved by 180th
and 180th Inf.

c. Artillery: Support for TF LINDEN by 33d FA Regt

d. Armored: Co A 781st Tk Bn supporting TF LINDEN.

e. Cavalry: Tr D 94th Rcn Sq (mecz) operating with TF LINDEN.

f. Quartermaster: 2d Plat 830th Amph Trk Co operating with
TF LINDEN.

g. Signal: Det 72d Sig Co in 57th Sig Bn supporting
TF LINDEN.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold, cloudy, visibility fair.

5. OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD.

a. Infantry.

- (1) 242d Inf - Moved by mtr from Vic ROSHEIM to ERMENACH
1st and 3d Bns and Sp Cos relieved 314th Inf in
2. CO 242d Inf assumed Comd of sector 050710-03
45. 2d Bn stopped enroute to 315th Inf sector and
went to WYERSHEIM to constitute a part of TF "A"
and atchd to 232d Inf.

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(2) 232d Inf - 3d Bn (-) at LA WANTZENAU at 051100A Jan 45 constituted a part of TF "B" for further operations. 1st Bn (see front lines) 2d Bn (-) constituted a part of TF "A". Co L (-1 Plat) was surrounded by enemy in GAMBSHEIM. Co G also surrounded in HERRLISHEIM but 80 men broke out. 1st Bn Atchd 242d Inf. TF "A" Atked astride Rd from MEYERSHEIM to GAMBSHEIM, crossed canal after driving out automatic Wpns. Contact between the forces on each side of the road was lost and TF retired to W of canal for reorganization. New initial objective being RR tracks to be reached at 060800A Jan 45. TF "B" Atked NE from LA WANTZENAU. Atk cleared KILSTETT and was pinned down by enemy Art. No further gains to end of period.

(3) 222d Inf - moved to and relieved 315th Inf in its 4. 3d Bn defense of left sector of regimental zone. Cos F and H constituted a part of TF "A".

- b. Artillery. 33d FA Brig DS TF LINDEN. Observed missile fired throughout afternoon along both sides of RHINE from DRUSENHEIM TO R crossing E of GAMBSHEIM. Harassing and interdiction fire was placed throughout and intensified on troop locations reported at GREFFERN, MAMRACH, ISHOFEN, FREISTETT and DIERSHEIM.
- c. Armored. Co A 781st Tk Bn - one Plat operated with TF "A"; two Plats with TF "B".
- d. Cavalry. Tr D 94th Rcn Sq (mec) operating with TF "A". 79th Rcn Tr operated initially with TF "A" reconnoitering and patrolling TF Rt flank; reverted back to Division Control 081700A Jan 45.
- e. Quartermaster. 2d Plat 830th Amph Trk Co Atchd to and operating with TF LINDEN.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY. Satisfactory.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS. Enemy bridgehead checked for expansion. Salient driven back in center. Total # of 051800A Jan 45 is 14.

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Map: Northern Europe, 1:50,000, Sheets XXIV-13, 14, 15, XXV-13, 14, 15.

1. CHRONOLOGICAL

3d Bn 222d Inf: R095446 SN to R199113
1st Bn 222d Inf: R199113 SN to R125174
2d Bn 242d Inf: R125174 SN to R125174
3d Bn 242d Inf: R125174 SN to R125174
1st Bn 232d Inf: R095446 SN to R125174
3d Bn 232d Inf: R125174 SN to R125174
3d Bn 232d Inf: R125174 SN to R125174

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS

CP 17 INFAN; RECHENAU (R095446)
CP 222d Inf: RECHENAU (R095446)
2d Bn 222d Inf (Part of 17 INFAN): RECHENAU (R095446)
CP 242d Inf: RECHENAU (R125174)
2d Bn 242d Inf (Part of 17 INFAN): RECHENAU (R125174)
CP 232d Inf: RECHENAU (R125174)
2d Bn 232d Inf (Part of 17 INFAN): RECHENAU (R125174)
CP 17 "A": RECHENAU (R095446)
CP 17 "B": RECHENAU (R095446)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUBORDINATE TROOPS

- Right (F) Flank: 3d DIA - quiet sector. Heavily engaged on RECHENAU.
- Left (D) Flank: 4th Inf Div. Sector generally quiet. Mining line advancing under cover of 8/1 and 10 line.
- Artillery: Support for 17 by 9th IA Brig.
- Co A 701st Tn Bn Atchd to 17 INFAN and operating with 232d Inf.
- Co B 94th Rec Co (Recon) Atchd to 17 INFAN and operating with 17 INFAN.
- 2d Plat 350th Cn Bn Atchd to 17 INFAN and operating with 232d Inf.
- Det of 72d Sig Co and 57th Flg Bn Atchd and operating with 17 INFAN.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY. Cold, clear, visibility good.

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5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD.

a. Infantry.

- (1) 222d Inf - Sector quiet during day. Heavy Tk and Inf Atk reported on OPIR at 061750A. OPIR was reinforced but could not hold, withdrew to MIR. 2d Bn 222d Inf, part of TF "B" counterattacking by bridgehead along Rd between WILSTETT and GAMBENHEIM, was repulsed several times during the period. Bn withdrew to NE of WILSTETT and is reorganizing prior to the continuation of the Atk.
- (2) 232d Inf - 1st Bn Atchd to 242d Inf. Co B surrounded by an estimated three (3) enemy companies. Co Comdr and ten (10) MIs escaped from pocket and rejoined 1st Bn. 2d Bn, part of TF "A" counterattacking bridgehead along Rd between WILSTETT and GAMBENHEIM, was repulsed several times during the period. Bn withdrew to S of canal and is reorganizing prior to continuance of the Atk. Lt Col ZELMER, Pz 9 232d Inf, Comdg TF "A", was captured during this Opn. 3d Bn - Cos I and K relieved by Pz 9 of 3d DIA (Pz) rejoined TF "A" and Atked from WILSTETT toward GAMBENHEIM. Atks were repulsed several times during this period. TF withdrew to S of WILSTETT for reorganization prior to continuance of the Atk.
- (3) 242d Inf - 1st and 3d Bn sectors generally quiet during the day. At 1750A a heavy Tk and Inf Atk was launched by the enemy against the OPIR. Co A tried to reinforce the OPIR and finding path too strong retired to MIR. 2d Bn 242d Inf Atchd to 232d Inf and constituted a part of TF "A" with 2d Bn 232d Inf. See par 5a(2) above for Ops for period.

b. Artillery. 33d FA Brig D TF LINDEN. Observed fires by FOs and /ir OPs in S sector from DRUSENHEIM to GAMBENHEIM in effort to stop counterattack. Time fire concentrations on suspected R crossings and intensive fire on S part of GAMBENHEIM and former bridge site to the E. R sector quiet in area of 242d Inf, 313th Inf and 222d Inf with occasional missions fired on by vehicles and patrols by FOs and air OPs. Harassing and interdiction fires along entire front on IV locations developed from PW information during day. Eng active in this sector were 59th AAA, 69th AAA, 935th FA and 17th FA.

c. Armored. Co A 731st Tk Bn - one Plat operated with TF "A"; two Plats with TF "B".

d. Cavalry. Tr D 94th Recon Sq (Mecg) operating with TF "A".

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY. Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS. Attempts to reduce enemy bridgehead proved unsuccessful.

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1. OUR FRONT LINES.

3d Bn 222d Inf: R099446 SE to R133418
1st Bn 222d Inf: R133418 SE to R163384
1st Bn 242d Inf: R183354 S to R195313
3d Bn 242d Inf: R196313 S to R202291
1st Bn 232d Inf: R202291 to R210250 to R125174
TF "A" 232d Inf: R038128, 039124, 079114
TF "B" 232d Inf: R037096, 093090, 094083
Co K, 232d Inf: Vic R105065

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2. LOCATION OF TROOPS.

CP TF LINDEN: HAGUENAU (R046225)
CP 222d Inf: SOUITZ (106376)
CP 242d Inf: NIEDERBETSCHDORF (R135393)
CP 232d Inf: REICHSTETT (R012055)
CP TF "A": WEYERSHEIM (R050126)
CP TF "B": LA VANTZENAU (R066071)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

- Left (N) Flank: 45th Inf Div - Regts Atking and advancing slowly. 36th Engr Regt on left flank of TF LINDEN sector, generally quiet.
- Right (S) Flank: 3d DIA Atked at 1400 with one Bn of Tks accompanied by 280 infantrymen, and one Bn of Inf. Atk made progress but was forced to withdraw to outskirts of BIELENHOFEN by counterattack from E.
- Arty support for TF by 33d FA Brig.
- Co "A", 71st Tk Bn - Atchd to TF LINDEN and operating with 232d Inf.
- Tr "D", 94th Recn Sq (Mecz) - Atchd and operating with TF LINDEN.
- 2d Plat, 830th CM Trk Co - Atchd to TF LINDEN and operating with 232d Inf.
- Dets 72d Sig Co and 57th Sig Bn - Atchd and operating with TF LINDEN.

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4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold, cloudy, snow, visibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD.

a. Infantry

- (1) 222d Inf - 1st Pn received By Arty fire in its sector at 0650. Active patrolling was conducted throughout sector for remainder of period.
- (2) 242d Inf - Continued defense of sector, conducting active patrolling.
- (3) 232d Inf - All Elms prepared defensive positions and conducted defense of sector.

b. Artillery. 33d FA Brig DS 1F LINDEN (Atchd 79th Inf Div) DS 3d DIA, and 314th Inf in Atk on GANTSHEIM. 30 minute preparation fired into GANTSHEIM for Atk of 3d DIA. Fired 45 observed missions, 11 of which were air observation missions on targets mainly personnel and tanks. 141 unobserved missions, 114 harassing missions, and 28 miscellaneous missions were fired throughout period. Am expended - 5242 rds.

c. Armored. Co A, 781st Tk Bn - Operating with 232d Inf.

d. Cavalry. Tr D, 94th Ren Sq (Mecq) - Operating with 232d Inf.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OUR OPERATIONS. Attempts to reduce enemy bridgehead unsuccessful. Plans for reorganization of task force to move attachments of 232d Inf to their present units were completed.

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1. OUR FRONT LINES.

3d Bn 222d Inf: R099446 SE R133413
1st Bn 222d Inf: R133413 SE to R163384
1st Bn 242d Inf: R183354 S to R195313
3d Bn 242d Inf: R195313 S to R202291
1st Bn 232d Inf: R203288-200210-160180
2d Bn 232d Inf: R030115-088125

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2. LOCATION OF TROOPS.

CP TF LINDEN - HAGUENAU (R046225)
CP 222d Inf - SOULIZ (R106376)
2d Bn 222d Inf - R125380
CP 242d Inf - NIEDERBIECHDOFF (R135333)
2d Bn 242d Inf - R165343
CP 232d Inf - R036217
3d Bn 232d Inf - R036217

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

- a. Left (N) Flank: 45th Inf Div with 36th Engr (C) Regt on Bdry -
No change reported.
- b. Right (S) Flank: 3d DIA (Fr) No change in position.
- c. FA Support:
904th FA Bn D/S 222d Inf
311th FA Bn D/S 242d Inf
242d FA Bn D/S 1st Bn 232d Inf
935th FA Bn G/S Reinf fires 242d FA Bn
634th FA Bn Reinf fires 310, 311th FA Bns
36th FA Bn G/S
59th ATFA Bn D/S 232d Inf (-) and R1ms 242d Inf
312th FA Bn Reinf 904th and 310th FA Bns
- d. Armored: Co "A" 781st Tk Bn operating with 232d Inf.
- e. CA: 2d Plat, 830th Amph'rk Co, operating with TF LINDEN.
- f. Signal: Det 72d Sig Co and 57th Sig Bn operating with TF LINDEN.

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4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY. Cold, snow, visibility good at times.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD.
- a. Infantry.
- (1) 222d Inf - Atchd to 1F MAIL - Patrol activity and defense of sector. 2d Pn (-) rejoined Regt.
 - (2) 232d Inf - CP and 3d Pn moved to CAMP D'OTTENHOFFEN. Other Elms continued defense of sector.
 - (3) 212d Inf - Continued defense of sector with action limited to patrolling. 2d Pn rejoined Regt.
- b. Artillery. 33d FA Brig in D/S IF LINDEN. 319 missions fired, of which 137 were observed fires. Targets included personnel, vehicles, tanks, MGs, mortars, registration, counterbattery, harassing, interdiction, preparation and defensive fires.
- c. Armored. Co A 731st Tk Bn operating with 232d Inf.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY. Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS. Unit organization restored. By bridgehead remained unchanged. Total Pn to date - 149.

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XXXIX-13, 14, 15.

1. OUR FRONT LINES.

1st Bn (4) 232d Inf: R201288-R162182
2d Bn 232d Inf: R072116-R087127

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS.

CP TF LINDEN: HAGUENAU (R084217)

CP 232d Inf: CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R084217)

CP 222d Inf: TF WALL - Occupying line R100441-R163381
with CP at SOULTZ (R110378), 2d Bn on the right, 1st
Bn on the left, and 2d Bn (-Co E) in Res in Vic
R125380. Co E Atchd 232d Inf.

CP 242d Inf: TF WALL - Occupying line R161351-R201285 with
CP at NIEDERBLTSDORF (R161351), 1st Bn on the right,

3d Bn on the left, and 2d Bn in Res in Vic R165343.
Cp Co A 781st Tk Bn: CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R084217).

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

a. Left (N) Flank: 242d Inf (TF WALL). Ey Atked in front
of 3 Co 242d Inf about 0700, driving in the outposts
and entering MLR. Res Co 1st Bn was committed to stop
this penetration. Heavy Arty fire at HATTEN knocked
out communications. At same time patrols were dis-
covered in front of Cos I and L. Ey in force overran
1st Bn but front line Cos let the Tks pass over. Res
Bn, 2d Bn 242d Inf, committed and succeeded in partially
restoring MLR. Estimated that 9 or 10 of 16 Tks pene-
trating were knocked out. 222d Inf - 1st Bn defending
MLR. Active patrolling in INGOLSHEIM and Rt flank.
2d Bn (-Co E) reconnoitered for defensive positions
along Rt flank and in Regtl Res area. 3d Bn defending
along MLR. Active patrolling in CLEBURG and in
GROSSENWALD.

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- b. Right (S) Flank: 3d DIA. 933d FA Bn moved into their sector to support the Fr. Patrols were active. Units regrouped for future Opns.
 - c. CCB, 12th Armd Div and 314th Inf located respectively N of HERRLISHHEIM and in DRUSENHEIM have not been able to move the enemy out of the towns, although some Armd Inf got into the former town.
 - d. FA: 93d FA Bn G/S TF LINDEN in addition to other Arty already in support.
 - e. Armd: Co A 781st Tk Bn, 1 Plat supporting 1st Bn 232d Inf. Co (-) at D'OBERHOFFEN.
 - f. QM: 2d Plat 830th Amph Trk Co.
 - g. Sig: Dets 72d Sig Co, 177th Sig Repair Co, and 269th Constr (Hv) Co.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY. Cold, snow; visibility good until snow fell.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD.
- a. Infantry. 232d Inf - 2d Bn 232d Inf Atchd directly to TFL for operational control only. Only activity in front of 2d Bn 232d Inf were patrols. 3d Bn moved from CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN to fill in line of 1st Bn. 1st Bn ordered to readjust its lines to conform to MAGINOT forts.
 - b. Artillery. 93d FA Brig continued in support of TF LINDEN firing missions on personnel, vehicles, tanks, MGs, mortars, registration, counterbattery, pillboxes, harassing, interdiction, preparations, and defensive fires.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY. Very Satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS. Attempts to reduce bridgehead in sector by other Alma 79th Div unsuccessful. Lines to be readjusted to conform to MAGINOT LINE.

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1. OUR FRONT LINES.
1st and 3d Bns 232d Inf: R159183-R162183
2d Bn 232d Inf: R072116-R087127
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS.
CP TF LINDEN: HAGUENAU (R046225)
CP 232d Inf: CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R084217)
CP Co A 781st Tk Bn : CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R084217)
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.
 - a. Left (N) Flank: TF WALLA 242d Inf on flank (See par 5 below).
 - b. Right (S) Flank: First Fr Army - 3d DIA on flank. Occupying defenses Vic KILSTETT, reorganizing for future action.
 - c. Artillery: 33d FA Brig D/S TF LINDEN with following dispositions:
 - 904th FA Bn D/S 222d Inf
 - 311th FA Bn D/S 242d Inf
 - 242d FA Bn D/S 232d Inf (-2d Bn)
 - 975th FA Bn G/S TF LINDEN and RHINE R
 - 634th FA Bn Reinf fires 310th, 311th FA Bns
 - 36th FA Bn D/S 2d Bn 232d Inf (2 Btries); other 2 Btries G/S 79th Div 2
 - 312th FA Bn Reinf fires of 904th, 310th FA Bns
 - 93 AFA Bn G/S 79th Div 2
 - 69th AFA Bn D/S 2d Bn 232d Inf with 2 Btries, G/S to limit of range, reinf fires of 242d FA Bn
 - 935th, 194th FA Bns answer calls for fire
 - d. Armd: Co A 781st Tk Bn operating with TF LINDEN with one (1) Plat operating with 3d Bn 232d Inf.
 - e. Cms: 2d Plat 830th TD Bn supporting 232d Inf.
 - f. TD: One Co 827th TD Bn supporting 232d Inf.

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- g. Sig: Dets 72d Sig Co, 177th Sig Repair Co, and 269th Constr (Hv) Co.
- h. 314th Inf (79th Div) operating in sector of 232d Inf with GCB, 12th Armd Div. Attempts to reduce bridgehead unsuccessful. Slight progress reported.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY. Cold, hazy, visibility fair.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD.

a. Infantry.

- (1) 222d Inf (TF WALL) - Sector quiet, limited to patrolling. Co E withdrawn from 2d Bn 232d Inf to Camp D'UBERHOFFEN for reorganization.
- (2) 242d Inf (TF WALL) - 1st Bn 242d Inf Atked by Ey Inf supported by Tks. 2d Bn 242d Inf committed in sector of 1st Bn. Both Bns relieved by 2d Bn 315th (79th Div) after Atks had been held to gains of about one mile with heavy losses suffered both by Ey and 1st and 2d Bns.
- (3) 232d Inf - 2d Bn committed to Reinf defensive line of 1st Bn. 2d Bn position stable. Activity limited to patrol action.

b. Artillery (091800A Jan 45 - 101800A Jan 45) - 33d FA Brig D/S TF LINDEN and in G/S to 79th W Bdry. Numerous observed and unobserved missions were fired in direct support of TF LINDEN. Atk of GCB 12th Armd Div supported by a preparation and observed fires. Fires intensified in sector of 242d Inf near HATTEN and in woods N of GAMBSHEIM. Total missions fired 535, of which 276 were observed. Air OPs fired 44 missions. Total Am expenditure was approx 7100 rds.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY. Very Satisfactory.

7. RESULTS OF OUR OPERATIONS. Defensive positions in 232d sectors strengthened by minefields. PWs to date - 254.

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1. OUR FRONT LINES.

1st and 3d Bns 232d Inf: R159183-R162183

2d Bn 232d Inf: R072116-R087127

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS.

CP TF LINDEN: HAGUENAU (R046225)

CP 232d Inf: CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R084217)

CP Co A 781st Tk Bn: CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R084217)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

a. Left (N) Flank: TF WAHL. 1st and 2d Bns 242d Inf were withdrawn from the 1st Bn sector. Heavy fighting continued in MATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN with the 1st and 3d Bns of 312th Inf supported by Tks counter-attacking the two towns.

b. Right (S) Flank: First Fr Army - 3d DIA on flank. Occupying defenses Vio KILSTETT, reorganizing for future action.

c. Artillery: 33d FA Brig D/S TF LINDEN with following dispositions:

904th FA Bn D/S 222d Inf

311th FA Bn D/S 242d Inf

242d FA Bn D/S 232d Inf (-2d Bn)

975th FA Bn G/S TF LINDEN and RHINE R.

634th FA Bn Reinf fires 310th, 311th FA Bns

36th FA Bn D/S 2d Bn 232d Inf (2 Btries); other 2

Btries G/S 79th Inf Div 2

312th FA Bn Reinf fires of 904th, 310th FA Bns

93d FA Bn G/S 79th Div 2

59th AFA Bn D/S 2d Bn 232d Inf with 2 Btries, G/S

to limit of range, Reinf fires of 242d FA Bn

935th, 194th FA Bns answer calls for fire

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- d. Armd: Co A 761st Tk Bn operating with TF LINDEN with one (1) Plat operating with 3d Bn 232d Inf.
- e. Qm: 2d Plat 830th Trk Co supporting 232d Inf.
- f. TD: one Plat 827th TD Bn supporting 232d Inf.
- g. Sig: Dets 72d Sig Co, 177th Sig Repair Co, and 269th Constr (Hv) Co.
- h. 314th Inf (79th Div) operating in sector of 232d Inf with CCB, 12 Armd Div. Attempts to reduce bridgehead unsuccessful. Slight progress reported.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY. Cold, hazy, visibility fair.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD.

a. Infantry.

- (1) 222d Inf (TF WAIL) sector quiet. Limited to patrolling. Co E 222d Inf closed SOULTE- SOUS-FORETS at 1600.
 - (2) 242d Inf (TF WAIL) CP moved to OBERBETSCHDORF. 1st and 2d Bns withdrew to Vic OBERBETSCHDORF for reorganization.
 - (3) 232d Inf - 3d Bn committed to Reinf defensive line of 1st Bn. 2d Bn position stable. Activity limited to patrol action.
- b. Artillery (101800A Jan 45 - 111800A Jan 45) - Total missions fired (less 79th Div Arty) 59 observed fire missions, 235 unobserved fire missions, expending approximately 4000 rounds.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY. Good.

7. RESULTS OF OUR OPERATIONS. Defensive positions in 232d Inf sectors strengthened. Minefields emplaced. PWs to date - 268.

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1. OUR FRONT LINE:

2d Bn 232d Inf: R080123-R058135-R047143-R043134
Outpost: R080115-R088127
3d Bn 232d Inf (Co's A and K): R181212-R202292
1st Bn 232d Inf (Co's B, C, and I) and 1 Plat Co A 781st Tk Bn:
R155184-R181212
Atchd TF WAHL:
3d Bn 242d Inf: R181212-R193310
3d Bn 222d Inf: R163382-R129420
1st Bn 222d Inf: R129420-R100442
Co G 222d Inf: R158352-R167360

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

Co L (-) 232d Inf: CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R0821)
Co A 781st Tk Bn (-1 Plat): CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R0821)
1st and 2d Bns 242d Inf: Vic OBERBETSCHDORF (R1133)
2d Bn 222d Inf (-G Co): Vic SOULTZ-SOUS-FORETS (R1037)
CP TFL: HAGUENAU (R046224)
CP 232d Inf: CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R0821)
CP Co A 781st Tk Bn: CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R0821)
CP 2d Bn 232d Inf: WEYERSHEIM (R0412)
CP 242d Inf: OBERBETSCHDORF (R1133)
CP 222d Inf: SOULTZ-SOUS-FORETS (R1037)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Left (N) flank:

(1) TF WAHL (222d, 242d, 3d Bn 313th Inf; 79th Rec Tr, 813th TD Bn (-), and 827th TD Bn (-)): Main of 1st and 2d Bns 242d Inf are still fighting from isolated Pos in MATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN. 2d Bn 222d Inf (-Co G) moved to SOULTZ-SOUS-FORETS area. 222d Inf and 242d Inf were relatively quiet throughout the period.

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(2) 14th Armd Div (Atchd 2d and 3d Bns 315th Inf): CCB continued the Atk passing through COA toward east (E) of RITTERSHOFFEN and MATTEM. Present Ede 14th Armd Div R123380-R154373-R200404-R110330-R137327-R174328-R210306.

b. Right (S) flank: CCB 12th Armd Div: Continued reorganization of defensive Pos and readjusted their line to the E bank of ZORN R. 314th Inf (-1 Bn) in line Fr ROEDWILLER to DRUSSENHEIM.

c. Artillery: 33d FA Brig D/S TF LINDEN with following dispositions:

904th FA Bn D/S 222d Inf
 311th FA Bn D/S 242d Inf
 242d FA Bn D/S 232d Inf (-2d Bn)
 975th FA Bn G/S TF LINDEN and in RHINE R sector.
 634th FA Bn Reinf fires 310th, 311th FA Bns
 36th FA Bn D/S 2d Bn 232d Inf (2 Btries); other 2
 Btries G/S 79th Inf Div Z
 312th FA Bn Reinf fires of 904th, 310th FA Bns
 93d FA Bn G/S 79th Div Z
 59th AFA Bn D/S 2d Bn 232d Inf with 2 Btries, G/S
 to limit of range, Reinf fires of 242d FA Bn
 935th, 194th FA Bns answer calls for fire

d. 79th Ren Tr (Atchd 1 Plat Co, D 781st Tk Bn): Atchd TF WAHL.

e. TD: 1 Plat 827th TD Bn D/S 232d Inf

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold, hazy, visibility fair.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. Infantry:

(1) 232d Inf (-): Activity limited to patrol action and improvement of Pos.

(2) 2d Bn 232d Inf (operating directly under TEL): Small outpost activity and strengthening of Pos.

b. Field Arty (111800A Jan 45 - 121800A Jan 45) - Total missions fired by 33d FA Brig and 12th Armd Div Arty in Spt of 232d Inf, 314th Inf (-) and CCB, 12th Armd Div - 319. Only 7 missions were observed fire due to weather. Total rounds fired 3469.

c. Armcd: Co A 781st Tk Bn Atchd TF LINDEN held in Mbl Res at CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN; 1 Plat operating with 3d Bn 232d Inf.

d. QM: 2d Plat 830th Amph Trk Co relieved Fr Atchmt with TF LINDEN.

e. Sig: Dets 72d Sig Co, 177th Sig Repair Co, and 269th Constr (Hv) Co Atchd TF LINDEN.

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6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Defensive Pos readjusted and strengthened in 232d sector. Elms 242d Inf still holding in HATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN. 222d Inf front relatively quiet. Total PWs - 274.

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Map: Eastern France, 1:50,000, Sheets XXXVIII-13, 14, 15,
XXXIX-13, 14, 16.

1. OUR FRONT LINES.

2d Bn 232d Inf: R042122-R056134-R048143-R046135
Outpost: R080115-R088127
1st Bn 232d Inf (Cos A and K): R181215-R202292
3d Bn 232d Inf (Cos B, C, and I) and 1 Plat, Co A 781st
Tk Bn: R155184-R181212
Atchd TF WAHL:
2d Bn 242d Inf: R192302-R200288
3d Bn 242d Inf: R1731; Patrolling R160322-R180323-R190210
Co G 222d Inf: R158352-R167360
1st Bn 222d Inf: R129420-R100442
3d Bn 222d Inf: R163332-R129420

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS.

Co L (-) 232d Inf: CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R0821)
Co A 781st Tk Bn (-1 Plat): CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R0821)
CP TFL: HAGUENAU (R046224)
CP 232d Inf (-2d Bn): CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R0821)
CP 2d Bn 232d Inf: WEYERSHEIM (R0412)
Atchd TF WAHL:
CP 242d Inf: OBERBETSCHDORF (R1133)
1st Bn 242d Inf: R130330
2d Bn 222d Inf (-Co G): SOULTZ SOUS FORETS (R1037)
CP 222d Inf: SOULTZ SOUS FORETS (R1037)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:

a. Left (N) Flank: TF WAHL
222d Inf: Continued to man MAGINOT LINE in sector and
conducted active patrolling. Some Arty and mortar fire
received.
242d Inf: 2d Bn relieved part of 3d Bn by 1930. 3d
Bn outposting edge of woods from R160322-R180323-R190210.
1st Bn (-) protecting NIEDERBETSCHDORF (R130330)

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- b. 14th Armd Div: CCR contacted 2d Bn 315th Inf fighting in HATTEN in late afternoon. 19th AIB reinforced 2d Bn in the town. Ey counterattacked in RITTERSHOFFEN at 2130 and was repulsed at 2300 with no ground lost. 7 Ey Tks destroyed.
 - c. Right (S) Flank: CCB 126th Armd Div continued to hold sector with 314th Inf (-). Co B 47th Tk Bn Atchd 314th Inf.
 - d. Artillery: Support remained unchanged. 35d FA Brig remains in D/S of TF LINDEN.
 - e. TD: 1 Plat 827th TD Bn D/S 232d Inf.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold, clear, visibility good.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD.
- a. Infantry.
 - (1) 232d Inf (-): Activity limited to patrol action and improvement of positions.
 - (2) 2d Bn 232d Inf (operating directly under TFL): Small outpost activity and strengthening of Pos.
 - b. Artillery (121800A Jan 45 - 131800A Jan 46). Heavy Arty concentration (240mm and 8" How) placed on SELTZ, WISSEMBOURG, and STUNDWILLER. Counterbattery fires in RITTERSHOFFEN-HATTEN Atk by 14th Armd Div. 40 counterbattery concentrations fired into GAMBSHEIM area. Total missions fired - 290. Observed missions - 85, of which 24 were air OP. Total Rds expended - 2950.
 - c. Armd. Co A 781st Tk Bn Atchd TF LINDEN held in Mbl Res at CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN; 1 Plat operating with 3d Bn 232d Inf.
 - d. Signal. Det 72d Sig Co and 269th Constr (Hv) Co operating with TF LINDEN.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY. Fair only - due to dispersion of units under varied commands.
7. RESULTS OF OUR OPERATIONS. Continued improvement of defensive Pos with active patrolling. Total PWs - 277.

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1. OUR FRONT LINES.

2d Bn 232d Inf: R042122-056134-046143-046135

Outpost: R080115-086127

3d Bn 232d Inf (Cos A and K): R181215-202292

1st Bn 232d Inf (Cos B, C, and I, and one Plat Co A 781st Tk Bn):
R155184-181212

Atchd TF WAHL:

2d Bn 242d Inf: R205292-190318

3d Bn 242d Inf and 1 Plat Co B 242d Inf: Patrolling R190318-
160326

Co G 222d Inf: R153352-167360

✓ 3d Bn 222d Inf: R129420-100442

✓ 1st Bn 222d Inf: R163382-129420

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS.

CP TFL: HAGUENAU (R046224)

CP 232d Inf (-2d Bn): CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R0821)

CP 2d Bn 232d Inf: WEYERSHEIM (R0412)

Co L (-) 232d Inf: CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R0821)

Co A 781st Tk Bn (-1 Plat): CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R0821)

Atchd TF WAHL:

CP 242d Inf: OBERBETSCHDORF (R1233)

1st Bn 242d Inf: Vic R130330

2d Bn 222d Inf (-Co G): SOULTZ SOUS FORETS (R1037)

CP 222d Inf: SOULTZ SOUS FORETS (R1037)

3d Bn 242d Inf: Vic (R1731)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

a. Left (N) Flank: TF WAHL:

222d Inf: Continued to man MAGINOT LINE in its sector.
Conducted active patrolling throughout period.

242d Inf: 2d Bn conducted active patrolling and improve-
ment of Pos on MAGINOT LINE. 1st Bn (-1 Plat Co B) Vic
OBERBETSCHDORF (130330). 3d Bn in Res and patrolling
Fr R190318 to R160326.

315th Inf: Fighting in HATTEN and RITTERHOFFEN. Enemy
counterattack at 2210. Atk in progress at end of period.

b. Right (E) Flank: OGB 12th Armd Div continued to hold
sector with the 314th Inf (-), Co B 47th Tk Bn, Atchd.

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- c. Artillery: Artillery in sector N of Grid Line 20 remained unchanged. Missions were fired in close support of the Atk by 79th Div and 14th Arm'd Div on HATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN. Artillery assignments in S sector were changed as follows:
242d FA Bn D/S 1st Bn 232d Inf
59th AFA Bn 1 Btry D/S 314th Inf; 1 Btry D/S 2d Bn 232d Inf
493d FA Bn, 494th FA Bn, 495th FA Bn - no change
975th FA Bn G/S 232d Inf, 314th Inf, and 12th Arm'd Div.
698th FABn 1 Gun on special Counterbattery Mission
A Btry 36th FA Bn G/S below Grid Line 20.
- d. TD: 1 Plat 827th TD Bn D/S 232d Inf.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold, clear, visibility very good.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD.

a. Infantry:

- (1) 232d Inf (-): One Plat Co A supported by one Plat Co L attacked at 1500 and captured ROESCHWOOG. A strong patrol from Co I occupied KAUFFENHEIM at 1600. Other action limited to active patrolling.
- (2) 2d Bn 232d Inf: (operating under direct control of TF LINDEN) Small outpost activity and strengthening of Pos.

b. Artillery: (Fr 131800A Jan 45 to 141800A Jan 45) Special attention given to counterbattery work during period. 189 missions fired in S sector of which 33 were Air OP Observed missions - 55, unobserved missions 134. Total rounds expended - 2415.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Fair, due to dispersion of units under varied commands.

7. RESULTS OF OUR OPERATIONS: Towns of ROESCHWOOG and KAUFFENHEIM were captured by the 232d Infantry. Defensive Pos were improved. Active patrolling was carried out. Total PWs to date 279.


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1. OUR FRONT LINES.

1st Bn 232d Inf (Cos I, C, and B and 1 Plat of Co A, 781st
Tk Bn): R201291-R207244-R179209
2d Bn 232d Inf: (Tactical Control 314th Inf as of 151600A
Jan 45): R048145-R055130-R048122
3d Bn 232d Inf: (Cos A and K): R179209-R168199-R154184
Atchd TF WAHL:
3d Bn 222d Inf: R129420-R100442
1st Bn 222d Inf: R163382-R129420
Co G 222d Inf: R158352-R167360
3d Bn 242d Inf and 1 Plat Co B 242d Inf: Patrolling
R190318-R160326
2d Bn 242d Inf: R205292-R190318

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS.

CP TFL: HAGUENAU (R046224)
CP 232d Inf (-2d Bn): CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R0821)
Co L (-) 232d Inf: CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R0821)
Co A 781st Tk Bn (-1 Plat): CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R0821)
1 Plat Co A 781st Tk Bn: SCUFFLENHEIM (R1625)
Atchd TF WAHL:
CP 242d Inf: OBERBETSCHDORF (R1233)
1st Bn 242d Inf: Vic (R130330)
2d Bn 222d Inf: (-Co G): SOULTZ SOUS FORETS (R1037)
3d Bn 242d Inf: Vic (R1731)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

- a. Left (N) Flank: TF WAHL:
222d Inf: Continued to man MAGINOT LINE in its sector.
Conducted active patrolling throughout period.
242d and 315th Inf: Continued to man MAGINOT LINE in
sector and support 14th Armd Div.
- b. Right (S) Flank: CCB 12th Armd Div continued to hold
sector with the 314th Inf (-), 2d Bn 232d Inf and Co
B 47th Tk Bn, Atchd.
- c. Artillery: (From 141800A to 151800A Jan 45) Arty support
in N and S sectors remained unchanged. In N, special

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emphasis was placed on counterbattery fires by 6th FA Gp and CL and harassing fires on communication lines. Expenditure of Am - 3000 Rds, exclusive of close support fires furnished by Arty and Tks of 14th Armd Div. Total missions - 254. In S sector in Spt of 232d, 314th, and 12th Armd, 306 missions fired. Am expended - 3535 Rds. Figure includes 20 unobserved harassing missions fired by Tks and one concealment mission fired with WP fired by the 975th FA Bn. Also included are 44 counterbattery missions. Observed missions were at minimum due to high winds and poor visibility for air OPs.

- d. TD: 1 Plat 827th TD Bn D/S 232d Inf Vic RUNTZENHEIM (R1924).

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold, hazy, visibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD.

a. Infantry

- (1) Co A 232d Inf withdrawn to SOUFFLENHEIM. Other activity of 232d Inf limited to active patrolling and establishment of strong points in ROESCHWOOG and KAUFFENHEIM.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY. Fair, due to dispersion of units under varied commands.

7. RESULTS OF OUR OPERATIONS. See paragraph 5, above.

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XXXIX-13, 14, 15.

1. OUR FRONT LINES.

1st Bn 232d Inf (Co's I, C, and B and 1 Plat of Co A, 781st
Tk Bn): R201291-R207244-R179209.

3d Bn 232d Inf: (Co's A and K): R179209-R169199-R154184.

Atchd TF WAHL:

3d Bn 222d Inf: R129420-R100442.

1st Bn 222d Inf: R163382-R129420.

Co G 222d Inf: R159352-R167360.

3d Bn 242d Inf: R190318-R160326.

2d Bn 242d Inf: R205292-R190318.

Atchd 314th Inf Regt:

2d Bn 232d Inf: R048145-R055130-R048122.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

CP TFL: HAGUENAU (R046224)

CP 232d Inf (-2d Bn): CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R0821)

Co L (-) 232d Inf: CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R0821)

Co A 781st Tk Bn: CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R1625)

Atchd TF WAHL:

CP 242d Inf: OBERBETSCHDORF (R1233)

1st Bn 242d Inf: Vic (R130330)

2d Bn 222d Inf: (- Co G) SOULTZ SOUS FORETS (R1037)

3d Bn 242d Inf: Vic (R1731)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

a. Left (N) Flank: TF WAHL:

222d Inf, 242d Inf and 315th Inf: Continued to man
MAGINOT LINE in its section. Conducted active patrol-
ling and improved defensive positions.

b. Right (S) Flank: 12th Armd Div. with the 314th Inf (-)
(2d Bn, 232d Inf and Co B, 47th Tk Bn, Atchd) CCB Ath
to establish a bridgehead SE of ROHRWILLER at 0200,
preceded by a 30 minute Arty preparation and reached
the RR track Vic R138160. However, at 1050 they
received a strong counterattack which made their

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bridgehead untenable and at 1230 started the withdrawal to ROHRWILLER for reorganization. CCA Atk for LE STEINWALD from the SW but due to heavy enemy fire from the woods they were only able to reach the western edge of the woods. At the end of the period they held positions from R105121 to R100130.

- c. Artillery: (From 151800 to 161800 Jan 45) Disposition of Arty remains unchanged. Special emphasis in S sector to support this morning's Atk was placed on preparations and counterbattery fires. A total of 160 preparation missions were fired during the day and 49 counterbattery missions, 7 missions on tanks and 6 smoke missions. Total missions in S sector - 402. Am expended - 10,139 rds. Missions in N sector - 150. Am expended - 4,050 rds.
- d. TD: 1 Plat 827th TD Bn D/S 232d Inf Vic RUNTZENHEIM (R1924)

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear and cold.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. Infantry.

At 0845, 60 to 70 enemy Inf were Rptd moving from DALHUNDEN to SESSSENHEIM and 2 Plats of B Co, 232d Inf, Reinf by a Plat of Tks moved out to engage them at DENGOLSHEIM. They attacked and captured the town against light opposition and DENGOLSHEIM was reported clear at 1345. The enemy retreated toward DALHUNDEN and at 1545 the town was bombed and strafed by four (4) P-47s with unreported results.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Fair, due to dispersion of units under varied commands.

7. RESULTS OF OUR OPERATIONS: Repulsed enemy attack and seized the town of DENGOLSHEIM. Captured 11 prisoners. Total PWs to date: 290.

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XXXIX-13, 14, 15.

1. OUR FRONT LINES.

1st Bn 232d Inf (Cos I, C, and B and 1 Plat of Co A, 781st
Tk Bn): R205291-R207224-R179209.

3d Bn 232d Inf: (Cos A and K): R179209-R167197.

Atchd TF WAHL:

3d Bn 222d Inf: R135418-R102441.

1st Bn 222d Inf: R160386-R135418.

Co G 222d Inf: R158352-R167360.

3d Bn 242d Inf: R190318-R160326.

2d Bn 242d Inf: R205291-R190318.

Atchd 314th Inf Regt:

2d Bn 232d Inf: R048145-R055130-R048122.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS.

CP TFL, Adv: CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R0821).

CP TFL, Rr: HAGUENAU (R046224).

CP 232d Inf, Adv: SCHIRRHOFEN (R1322).

CP 232d Inf, Rr: CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R0821).

Co A 232d Inf (-): Vic SOUFFLENHEIM (R1625).

Co L (-) 232d Inf: CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R0821).

Co A 781st Tk Bn: SCHIRRHOFEN (R1322).

Atchd TF WAHL:

CP 242d Inf: OBERBETSCHDORF (R1233).

1st Bn 242d Inf: Vic (R130330).

2d Bn 222d Inf: (-Co G): SCULTZ SOUS FORETS (R1037).

3d Bn 242d Inf: Vic (R1731).

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

a. Left (N) Flank: TF WAHL:

222d Inf continued defense of MAGINOT LINE in sector.

242d Inf manned MAGINOT LINE in sector and repulsed
several Ey patrols during night 16-17 Jan. AT guns
knocked out one Ey Tk and set two on fire at dusk 17
Jan. 315th Inf Atchd to 14th Armd Div Atked RITTERS-
HOFFEN with 1st Bn but heavy Ey resistance forced Bn

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- to withdraw. Bn moved to SOUFFLENHEIM at 2115. The
 Atk was coordinated with 68th AIB, 14th Armd Div and
 3d Bn 315th Inf, who were already in town. 2d Bn 315th
 Inf with CCR 14th Armd Div continued fighting in HATTEN.
- b. Right (S) Flank: 12th Armd Div, 314th Inf (-), 2d Bn
232d Inf, and Co B 47th Tk Bn. 314th Inf continued to
 hold DRUSENHEIM with their 2d Bn, and ROHRWILLER and
 bridgehead SE of town with their 3d Bn. 1st Bn moved
 to SCHIRRHOFEN closing at 1050A to reinforce 252d Inf
 (-). Co A reinforced Co K 232d Inf, Co B in Res Vic
 R1622. Remainder of 1st Bn reinforced by Co I 314th
 Inf moved to the rear of Co C 232d Inf. 12th Armd Div
 began Atk of GAMBSHEIM bridgehead with CCB Atking from
 ROHRWILLER and CCA Atking from SW of HERRLISHHEIM;
 slight gains reported. French 3d DIA reported in de-
 fensive positions S of KILSTETT.
- c. Artillery:
 33d FA Brig D/S 232d Inf, 314th Inf, and CCB 12th Armd
 Div; G/S to W Bdry of 79th Div.
 59th AFA Bn: 1 Btry D/S 2d Bn 232d Inf; 2 Btries D/S
 314th Inf.
 242d FA Bn: D/S 232d Inf (-) plus Atchmt.
 36th FA Bn: A Btry G/S below 20 grid line; B and C
 Btries above 20 grid line.
 975th FA Bn: G/S 232d Inf, 314th Inf, and 12th Armd Div.
 904th FA Bn: D/S 222d Inf.
 311th FA Bn: D/S 242d Inf.
 (From 161800A to 171800A Jan 45) Disposition of Arty
 remained unchanged. Total missions fired - 2994; 211
 were observed missions. From the ground by forward
 observer only one Air OP mission was flown due to poor
 visibility. Total AM expenditure - 2252 Rds (AM expendi-
 ture of 12th Armd Arty not included due to communication
 trouble). Primary missions were for preparations (48),
 counterbattery (46), personnel (79), tanks (7), and
 smoke missions (14).
- d. Armd: Co A 781st Tk Bn Atchd TFL. Platoons operating
 with Co B 232d Inf, Co A 314th Inf, and Co C 314th Inf
 in 232d Inf sector.
- e. TD. 1 Plat Co A 827th TD Bn D/S 232d Inf Vic RUNTZEN-
 HEIM (R1924).

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY. Cold, cloudy, visibility fair.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD.
232d Inf (-2d Bn) - Co B was Atked at SESSENHEIM by an
 estimated 2 Ey Inf Cos and 8 Tks, the Inf infiltrating to
 the Rr of B Co. The Ey surrounded SESSENHEIM but were
 driven out at 1500A by a force commanded by Lt Col Custer

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consisting of a Plat of Co A, A & P Plat 1st Bn 232d Inf, 1 Sqd Co A, 1 mortar Sec as riflemen, a HMG Sec and a mortar Sec, Reinf with 4 Tks and 2 TDs. Contact was made with Co B. Approximately 30 Pws were taken with 2 Ely Tks destroyed and probably 2 more Tks knocked out in retaking the town. After the recapture of SESSENHEIM, a demonstration was made by Col Custer toward DENGOLSHEIM, which received heavy fire from DENGOLSHEIM. A strong combat patrol Atked AUMHEIM about 1300A but was dispersed with Approx 10 Pws taken.

1st Bn 313th Inf enroute to SOUFFLENHEIM at 2130 to reinforce 232d Inf.

1st Bn 410th Inf enroute to SOUFFLENHEIM to constitute Corps Res to be used in the 232d sector.

Tr B 117th Ren Sq reinforced with Lt Tks closed in SOUFFLENHEIM at 1600A.

Above units were Atchd to 232d Inf at the end of period.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY. Fair, due to dispersion of units under varied commands.
7. RESULTS OF OUR OPERATIONS. Repulsed Ely Atk on SESSENHEIM and restored original lines. Pws taken this date - 37; total Pws to date - 327.

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1. OUR FRONT LINES.

1st Bn 232d Inf (Cos I, C, B, and 1 Plat Co A 781st Tk Bn):
R205291-R205245-R203235-R194224-R180235-R170220.
3d Bn 232d Inf (Cos K and M, Cos A and B 314th Inf): R170220-
R163204-R155185.
Atchd 314th Inf:
2d Bn 232d Inf: R048145-R055130-R048122.
Atchd TF WAHL:
3d Bn 222d Inf: R135418-R102441.
1st Bn 222d Inf: R160386-R135418.
Co G 222d Inf: R158352-R167360.
3d Bn 242d Inf: R180318-R160326.
2d Bn 242d Inf: R205291-R190318.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS.

CP TFL: HAGUENAU (R046224).
CP 232d Inf, Adv: SCHIRRHOFEN (R1322).
CP 232d Inf, Rr: CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R0821).
Co L (-) 232d Inf: CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R0821).
Atchd TF WAHL:
CP 242d Inf: OBERBETSCHDORF (R1253).
1st Bn 242d Inf: Vic (R130330).
2d Bn 222d Inf (-Co G): Vic SOULTZ SECUS FORETS (R1037).

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

- a. Left (N) Flank: TF WAHL:
222d Inf continued defense of MAGINOT LINE in sector with aggressive patrolling.
242d Inf continued defense of MAGINOT LINE in sector with aggressive patrolling.
14th Armd Div (Atchd 315th Inf) continued heavy fighting in RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN. A heavy Ev Inf-Tk Atk on HATTEN at 2030A was repulsed and the sector reported quiet at 2100A.
- b. Right (S) Flank: 12th Armd Div Atked GAMBSHEIM bridgehead with CCB from ROHRWILLER. Slight progress was made but at the close of period CCB withdrew back to ROHRWILLER

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because of Ey pressure. CCA continued Atk for HERRLIS-HEIM but was forced to withdraw to line R090128 to R128166; At 2230A pushed into southern part of ROHRWILLER.

c. Artillery (From 171800A Jan 45 to 181800A Jan 45). Arty dispositions unchanged for the period. 242d FA Bn reinforced by fires of 33d FA Brig continued support of TFL concentrating on counterbattery fires and personnel targets. Total missions fired - 219, of which 71 were observed fire, 51 air OP. Total Rda expended - 5768.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY. Cold, unsettled, visibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD.

- a. 232d Inf. (-). Ey Atked SESSENHEIM in Co B sector at 0715A with Tks and Inf and at 1000A, Co B withdrew to Vic R185235. At 0700A, Co I contacted a nine-man patrol at KAUFFENHEIM, killing one enemy and taking other eight prisoners. Co K was Atked and forced to withdraw to BOIS DE SOUFFLENHEIM at 1430A.
- 1st Bn 410th Inf. Atchd TFL. Closed into SCHIRRHOFEN at 0600A. Moved into BOIS DE SOUFFLENHEIM prior to making an Atk at 1500A NE to capture SESSENHEIM. Withdrawal of Co K 232d Inf, however, losing the BOIS DE SESSENHEIM, gave the Ey ground from which he could bring flanking enfilade fire on the Atk so it was abandoned. This Atk w BOIS DE SESSENHEIM was diverted to the E at 1625A to clear out the woods. Co C on the left made good progress but Co A was unable to advance. At the end of the period, 1st Bn 410th Inf and Cos A and B 314th Inf occupied positions along the southern edge of the BOIS DE SOUFFLENHEIM; Co C 410th Inf held a position in the BOIS DE SESSENHEIM. Bn Atchd to 411th Inf at 1800A.
- 411th RCT (-) (103d Inf Div) Atchd TFL: TF Res Vic SCHIRRHOFEN. Closed at 1700A. 1st Bn moved into BOIS DE SOUFFLENHEIM during the night.
- 1st Bn 314th Inf: Cos A and B Atchd 3d Bn 232d Inf.
- Bn (-) Res Vic SCHIRRHOFEN.
- 1st Bn 313th Inf: TF Res Vic SCHIRRHOFEN.
- 1st Plat Co A 827th TD Bn: One section was with Co B 232d Inf in SESSENHEIM and lost both destroyers there. The other section was Atchd to 1st Bn 410th Inf and employed in the BOIS DE SOUFFLENHEIM.
- Co C 813th TD Bn: Atchd to 232d Inf and put into position in Co C sector.
- b. Armored Forces: Co A 781st Tk Bn. One Plat employed in SESSENHEIM and two Plats used in BOIS DE SOUFFLENHEIM with 1st Bn 410th Inf. Co B 714th Tk Bn. Atchd 411th Inf.
- c. Cavalry: Tr B 117th Cav Ren Sqn. Atchd TFL. Patrolled the left (S) flank between 1st Bn 410th Inf and 2d Bn

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314th Inf and in 2 of Co C 232d Inf.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY. Remained fair due to dispersion of units under varied commands.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS. SESSENHEIM lost. BOIS DE SESSENHEIM was not regained in Atk by 1st Bn 410th Inf.

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Map: Eastern France, 1:50,000; Sheets XXXVIII-13, 14, 15,
XXXIX-13, 14, 15.

1. OUR FRONT LINES.

1st Bn 232d Inf (Atchd Co I): R194234-R208247-R205291.
1st Bn 314th Inf (Atchd Cos I 314th Inf and C 313th Inf):
R180240-R194234; patrolling to R172234.
Co K 232d Inf: Patrolling from R169222 to R172234.
1st Bn 410th Inf: R150200-R172234.
2d Bn 232d Inf (Atchd 314th Inf): R048134-R055130-R048122.
Atchd TF WAHL:
3d Bn 222d Inf: R135418-R102441.
1st Bn 222d Inf: R160386-R135418.
Co G 222d Inf: R158352-R167360.
3d Bn 242d Inf: R190318-R160326.
2d Bn 242d Inf: R205291-R190318.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS.

CP TFL: HAGUENAU (R046224).
CP 232d Inf, Adv: SCHIRRHOFEN (R1322).
CP 232d Inf, Rr: CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R0821).
Co L (-) 232d Inf: CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (R0821).
Co A 781st Tk Bn: SCHIRRHOFEN (R1322).
CP 2d Plat Co A 827th TD Bn: Vic SCHIRRHOFEN (R1322).
CP Co C 813th TD Bn: Vic SOUFFLENHEIM (R1625).
1st Bn 410th Inf: SCHIRRHOFEN (R1322).
Atchd TF WAHL:
CP 242d Inf: OBERBETSCHDORF (R1233).
1st Bn 242d Inf: Vic (R130330).
2d Bn 222d Inf (-Co G): Vic SOULTZ SOUS FORETS (R1037).

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

a. Left (N) Flank: TF WAHL:
222d Inf: Continued defense of MAGINOT LINE in sector
with aggressive patrolling.
242d Inf: Supplemented defense in vicinity of MAGINOT
LINE with patrolling.
14th Armd Div (Atchd 315th Inf): Fighting continuing
Vic HATTEN and RITTERSHOFEN.

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- b. Right (S) Flank: 12th Armd Div: Relief of Div sector from ROHRVILLER to GAMBSHEIM commenced night 19-20 Jan by 143d Inf of 36th Div.
314th Inf: Ey infiltrated through BOIS DE DRUSENHEIM and Atked 3d Bn in DRUSENHEIM.
- c. Artillery (From 181800A Jan 45 to 191800A Jan 45): Dispositions unchanged for the period except 928th FA Bn in D/S Inf (-). 242d FA Bn reinforced by fires of 33d FA Brig supported TF LINDEN. Total missions fired 156, of which 50 were observed fire and 5 air OP. Total Rds expended 2627.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY. Cold, visibility fair.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD.

a. Infantry.

232d Inf (Atchd 1st Bn 313th Inf, 1st Bn 314th Inf, Co I 314th Inf, Co A 781st Tk Bn, Co C 813th TD Bn): An Atk by a patrol of 15 men about noon against Co I was repulsed. Cos K and M (-) moved to SCHIRRHOFEN to reconstitute a reserve. 1st Bn 314th Inf took positions in the BOIS DE RUNTZENHEIM.

411th RCT (-) (Atchd 1st Bn 410th Inf, 2 Plats Co A 827th TD Bn, Co B 714th Tk Bn): 3d Bn 411th Inf passed through 1st Bn 411th Inf and Atked at 0630A to capture SESSENHEIM; supported by 8 Tks of Co A 781st Tk Bn, entering the town about 0800A. The Bn was forced back out of the town and all 8 Tks were hit. New Atk was planned for 1230A, also using 1st Bn 411th Inf which was to pass through 1st Bn 410th Inf and clear out the woods, then continuing and capturing the bridge N of DALHUNDEN. Co C 411th Inf was driven back on line with other units there about 0800A. 411th Inf was ordered on the defensive and took up a position along the southern part of the BOIS DE SOUFFLENHEIM with 1st Bn 410th Inf on the left, 1st Bn 411th Inf on the right, and 3d Bn 411th Inf in reserve. 411th Inf was ordered to move to S to close gap between 411th Inf 314th Inf.

1st Bn 314th Inf: Committed to positions in the BOIS DE RUNTZENHEIM.

1st Bn 313th Inf (Atchd to 232d Inf): Res Vic SOUFFLENHEIM.

- b. Armored Forces. Co A 781st Tk Bn: 8 Tks of 8 hit in Atk on SESSENHEIM, 2 or 3 of which may be used again. Tiger tanks are thought to have done the damage. Co B 714th Tk Bn not committed to action.

- c. Cavalry. Tr B 117th Cav Rcn Sqn continued its night patrolling.

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- d. TD. 1st Plat Co A 827th TD Bn. 2 destroyers participated in the Atk on SESSENHEIM and were then used in the woods. 2d Plat Co A 827th TD Bn. Rpted to 411th Inf late 19 Jan as they erroneously had Rpted to and prepared positions in Vic of Co C 813th TD Bn. 813th TD Bn. In positions in Co C's area.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY. Fair, due to dispersion of units under varied commands.
7. RESULTS OF OUR OPERATIONS. Attempts to retake SESSENHEIM failed with heavy losses. BOIS DE SESSENHEIM lost again. 3d Bn 411th Inf moved to close gap on right (S) flank.

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Maps: Eastern France, 1:50,000; Sheets XXXVIII-13, 14, 15,
XXXIX-13, 14, 15.

1. OUR FRONT LINES.

1st Bn 232d Inf: R194234-R208247-R205291.

1st Bn 411th Inf: R169221-R163205.

3d Bn 411th Inf: R163205-R150200.

1st Bn 410th Inf: R150200-R131185.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS.

CP TF LINDEN: HOCHFELDEN (Q877175).

CP 232d Inf: (R135262).

2d Bn 232d Inf: Enroute to BOSSENDORF (Q871212).

3d Bn 232d Inf: Enroute to BOSSENDORF (Q871212).

CP 411th Inf: (R135227).

CP 1st Bn 410th Inf: (R158220).

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

a. Left (N) Flank: TF WAHL.

(1) 242d Inf: In process of withdrawing from Vic OBER-BETSCHDORF (R124332) to Pos SE of HAGUENAU (Q046224). 3d Bn 242d Inf provided covering force for the movement.

(2) 222d Inf: In process of withdrawing from Vic SOULTZ SOUS FORETS (4206374) to Pos NW of HAGUENAU. Covering force for the Mvmt was provided.

b. Right (S) Flank: 36th Inf Div (-) held the line from ROEWILLER to WEYERSHEIM with the 143d Inf after relieving the 12th Armd Div during the night. 12th Armd Div withdrew to Vic HOCHFELDEN.

c. Artillery. No change in Arty dispositions except addition of 939th FA Bn to 33d FA Brig for G/S. The 132d, 133d, and 155th Bns were detached from 33d Brig and fired several support missions only. 61 missions were fired with about 50% observed from ground OFs. Most observed missions on Ey personnel, neutralizing areas and preventing bridge repairs. All unobserved missions were harassing fires.

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4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY. Cold, snow, visibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD.

a. Infantry.

- (1) 232d Inf: 2d Bn 232d Inf moved from Pos at WEYER-SHEIM where it was Atchd to 12th Armd Div and re-joined parent unit at 1030A Vic (135262). Preparations for a withdrawal to a new line running along the W bank of the Moder R were completed and Mvmt to new Pos began at 1930A. 1st Bn 313th Inf provided covering force for the withdrawal.
- (2) 411th Inf (Atchd 1st Bn 410th Inf): 3d Bn 411th Inf moved from Res Pos Vic SCHIRRHOFEN to BOIS DE MATTER-WALD contacting 1st Bn 410th Inf on the left and filling gap between 1st Bn 410th Inf and 314th Inf at 0615A. Ey Inf infiltrated through BOIS DE DRUSEN-HEIM and at 1100A caused the 3d Bn 411th Inf to lose contact with the 3d Bn 314th Inf in ROHRWILLER. At 1930 withdrawal began to new positions.

- b. Armd: Co A 781st Tk Bn enroute to rejoin parent unit. Co B 714th Tk Bn after withdrawal to new MLR passed to control of 79th Div.
- c. Cavalry: Tr B 117th Cav Ren Sqn. One Plat operating on right flank of 411th Inf, at close of period withdrawing to parent organization.
- d. TDe: 2d Plat Co A 813th TD Bn in process of withdrawing at close of period.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY. Fair, due to dispersion of units under varied commands.

7. RESULTS OF OUR OPERATIONS. Contact was broken with the Ey and withdrawal of units began to the MODER R line. CP TF LINDEN opened new CP at HOCHFELDEN 2330A. 222d Inf and 242d Inf remained Atchd to 79th Div. 232d Inf enroute to BOSSEN-DORF to constitute VI Corps Res. All TF LINDEN units passed to control of 79th Div and VI Corps upon crossing MODER R.

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1. OUR FRONT LINES:

None

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

CP TF LINDEN: VIC-sur-SEILLE (Q1120)

CP 222d Inf: ARRACOURT (Q1114)

CP 232d Inf: GREMECY (Q0223)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

None

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold, snow, visibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. Infantry.

- (1) TF LINDEN resumed command of the 222d and 232d Inf Regts and was directed through CG 79th Div to Mv the units into a reorganization and training area in the general vicinity of CHATEAU SALINS (Q0925). The 222d Inf reverted to TF LINDEN control at 270035A Jan 45 and the 232d Inf reverted to TF LINDEN at 270330A Jan 45. The 222d Inf, moving by motor, crossed its IP at MINVERSHEIM (Q9120) at 0700 and cleared its release point at MOYENVIC (Q1320) at 1650. The Regt assembled in area Q000050-Q100250-Q142210-Q129199-Q157183-Q126090. The 232d Inf, moving by motor, crossed its IP at ALTDORF (Q8921) at 1310 and cleared its release point at MOYENVIC (Q1320) at 1950. The Regt assembled in area Q895130-Q985225-Q100260-Q000050.

b. Others: None

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good.

7. RESULTS OF OUR OPERATIONS: 222d and 232d Inf Regts were moved from assembly areas in 79th Div sector to areas in vic of CHATEAU SALINS.

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1. OUR FRONT LINES.
None.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS.
CP TF LINDEN: Vic-sur-SEILLE (Q1120).
CP 222d Inf: ARRACOURT (Q1114).
CP 232d Inf: GREMECY (Q0223).

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS.
None.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY. Cold, snow, visibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD.

a. Infantry.

The 242d Inf reverted to TF LINDEN control. The 222d and 232d Inf Regts began a 48-hour rest and reorganization period in which all individuals and units will be re-equipped, and which will include formal inspections in ranks to insure cleanliness, care of equipment and correct wearing of the uniform, post-combat discussions of recent operations, and assimilation of reinforcements within the command.

b. Others. None.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY. Good.

7. RESULTS OF OUR OPERATIONS. The 222d and 232d Inf began a 48-hour rest and reorganization period.

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1. OUR FRONT LINES.
None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS.
CP TF LINDEN: VIC-sur-SEILLE (Q1120).
CP 222d Inf: ARRACOURT (Q1114).
CP 232d Inf: GREMECY (Q0223).
CP 242d Inf: MARSAL (Q1721).
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.
None.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY. Cold, clear, visibility good.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD.
 - a. Infantry.
242d Inf moved to new area Vic CHATEAU SALINS, clearing IP at 1040A and closing in new area at 1535A. The 222d and 232d Inf Regts continued the 48-hour rest and reorganization period.
 - b. Others.
None.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY. Good.
7. RESULTS OF OUR OPERATIONS. 242d Inf moved into new area and the other two Regts continued rest and reorganization.

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1. OUR FRONT LINES.
None.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS.
CP TF LINDEN: VIC-sur-SEILLE (Q1120).
CP 222d Inf: ARRACOURT (Q1114).
CP 232d Inf: GREMECY (Q0223).
CP 242d Inf: MARSAL (Q1721).
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.
None.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY. Snow, cold, visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD.
 - a. Infantry.
The 222d and 232d Inf Regts completed a 48-hour rest and reorganization period and conducted eight hours training as a part of a training program, the purpose of which is to establish small unit SOPs for any combat situation, to acquaint officers and NCOs with their commands and the capabilities of their men, to train reinforcements and to provide maximum training for combat in the time available. The 242d Inf Regt continued the 48-hour rest and reorganization period.
 - b. Others. None.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY. Good.
7. RESULTS OF OUR OPERATIONS. See paragraph 5 a, above.

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1. OUR FRONT LINES.
None.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS.
CP TF LINDEN: VIC-sur-SEILLE (Q1120).
CP 222d Inf: ARRACOURT (Q1114).
CP 232d Inf: GREMECY (Q0223).
CP 242d Inf: MARSAL (Q1721).

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.
None.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY. Rain, visibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD.

- a. Infantry.
The 222d and 232d Inf Regts continued training program. The 242d Inf completed the 48-hour rest and reorganization period.
- b. Others. None.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY. Good.

7. RESULTS OF OUR OPERATIONS. See paragraph 5 a, above.

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